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SHONEN JUMP GRAPHIC NOVEL

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PRODUCTION REPORT NO. 1: HEALTH PROBLEMS. THERE HAVE BEEN THREE OR FOUR CRISES SO FAR. THE WORST WAS LOWER BACK PAIN THAT BOTHERED ME FOR SIX MONTHS STARTING IN JANUARY '91. WHEN IT GOT BAD, I COULDN'T EVEN SIT AT MY DESK, AND I HAD TO DRAW LYING IN BED. MORE RECENTLY, I GOT THE FLU WHILE WORKING ON THE COLOR EPISODE WHERE WE ANNOUNCED THE POPULARITY CONTEST RESULTS (IN VOL. 7). I WAS SO DIZZY AND NAUSEOUS, AND I PRACTICALLY DID THE EPISODE ON AUTOPILOT. RIGHT NOW, I SEEM PHYSICALLY HEALTHY, BUT MY BRAIN STILL SUFFERS FROM CHRONIC INSANITY.

—YOSHIHIRO TOGASHI, 1991

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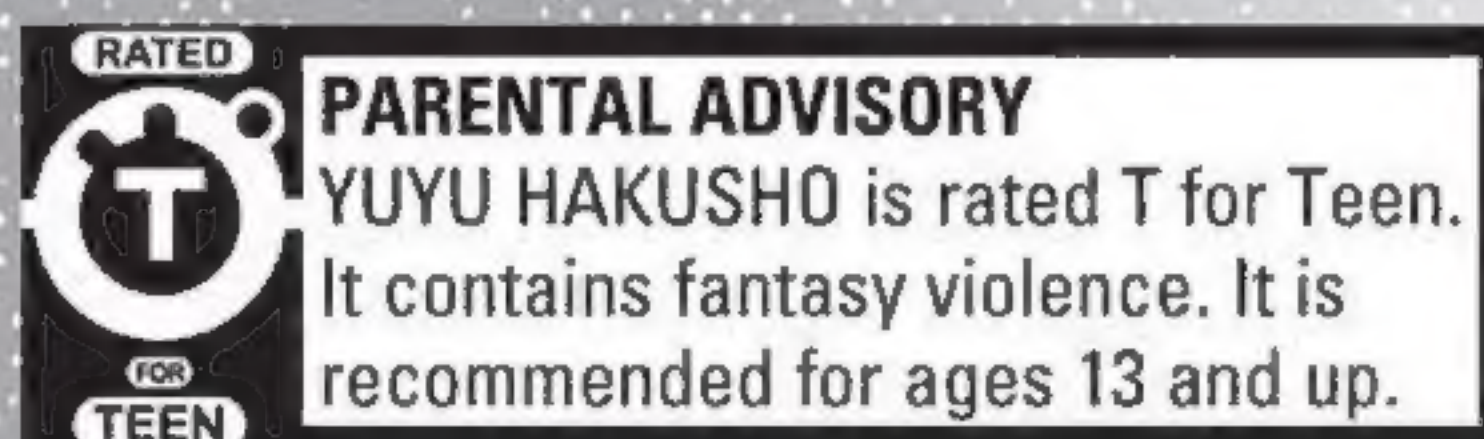
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The Dark Tournament



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Botan

Guide to the Underworld.
Yusuke's guardian of sorts.



Yukina

Belongs to a family of
demons called Ice Maidens.

This is the story of hapless Yusuke Urameshi, who got into a car accident trying to save a kid, and became a ghost. He's come back to life after the Underworld's King Enma gave him a number of ordeals. He's now an Underworld Detective that tracks down the most notorious demons.

Now that Yusuke and friends have defeated the Four Beasts, the rest of the demons have realized that they are a formidable team. But with success comes peril, as they have also become the targets of demons out for fame and fortune. What will happen next...?

THE STORY SO FAR:

うらめしあつこ
浦飯温子

Atsuko Urameshi
Yusuke's mother. Only 29 years old (still young!).

ゆきむらけいこ
雪村螢子

Keiko Yukimura
Yusuke's childhood friend. As you can see, she's quite cute.

うらめしゆうすけ
浦飯幽助

Yusuke Urameshi
The protagonist. Eighth grade in Sarayashiki Public Jr. High. Used to be a delinquent to the core.

くわばら
桑原

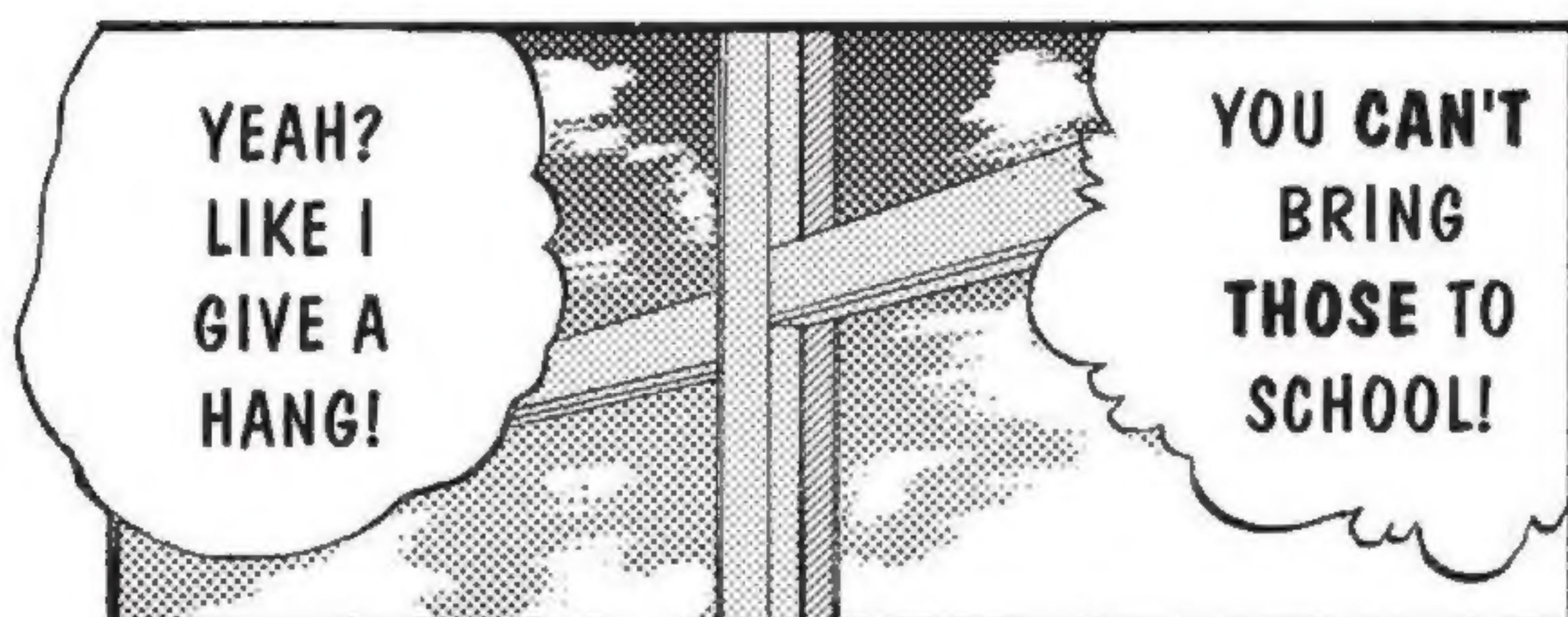
Kuwabara
Yusuke's eternal rival. Has a strong sixth sense that belies his [ugly] face.

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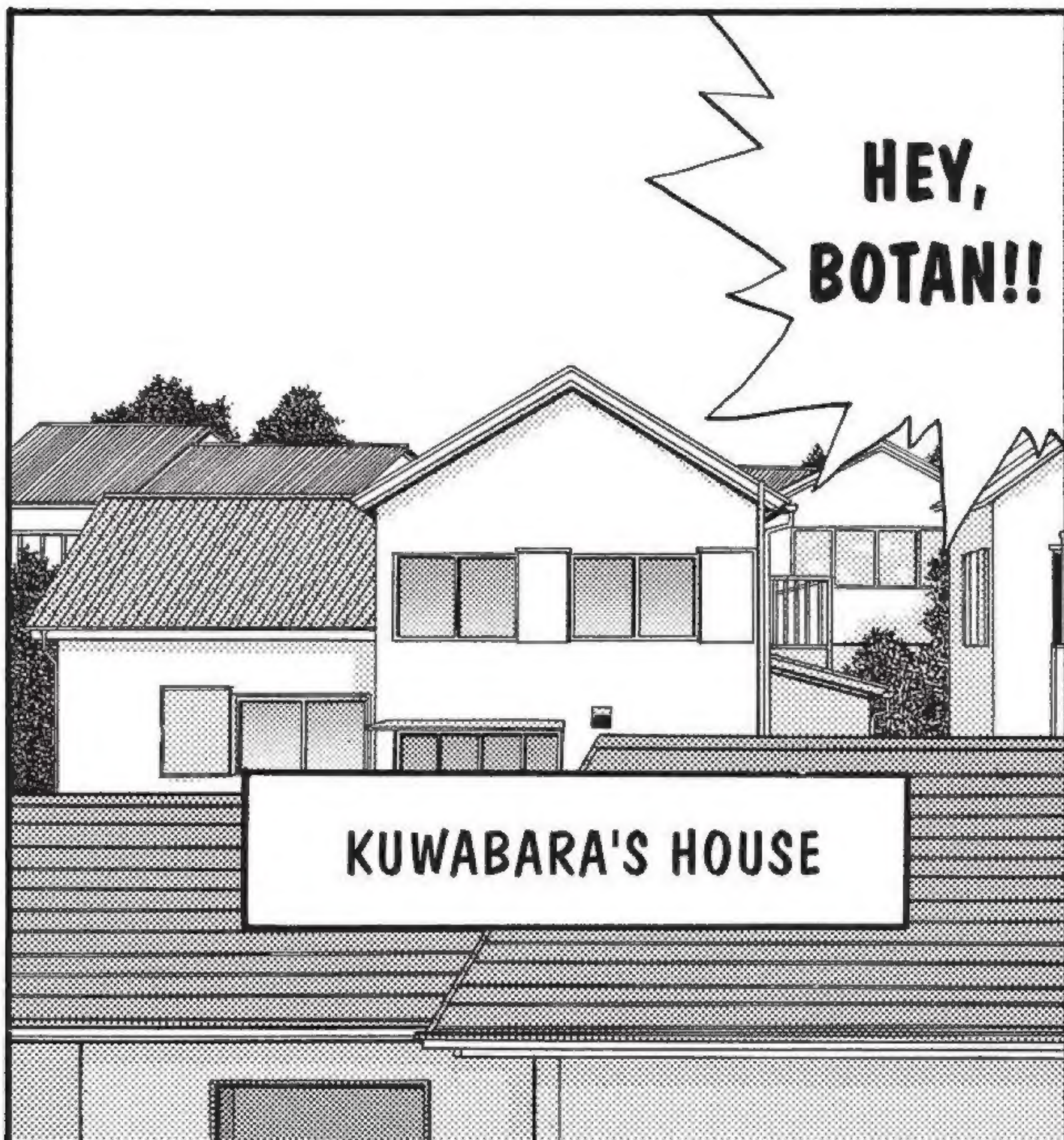
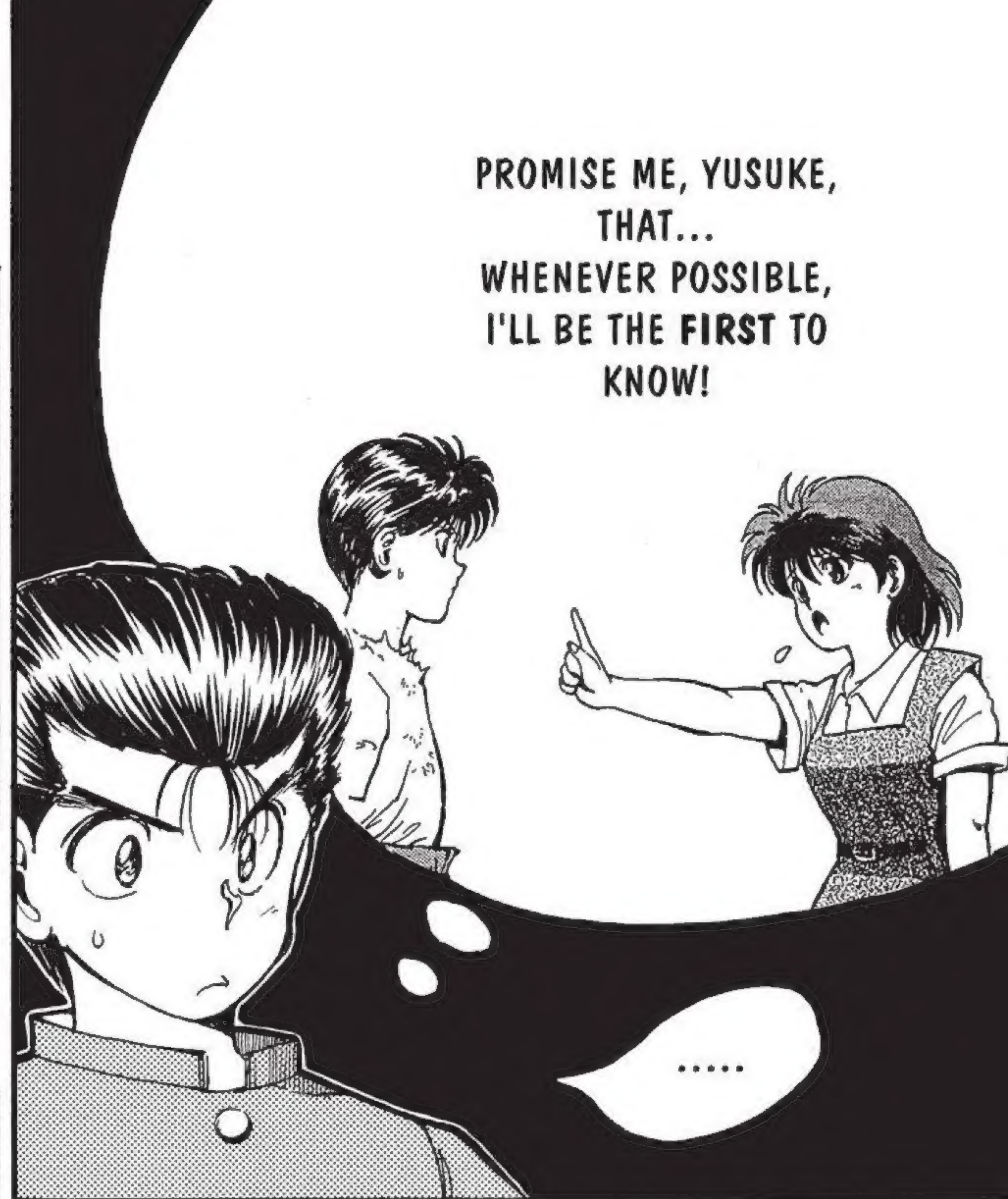
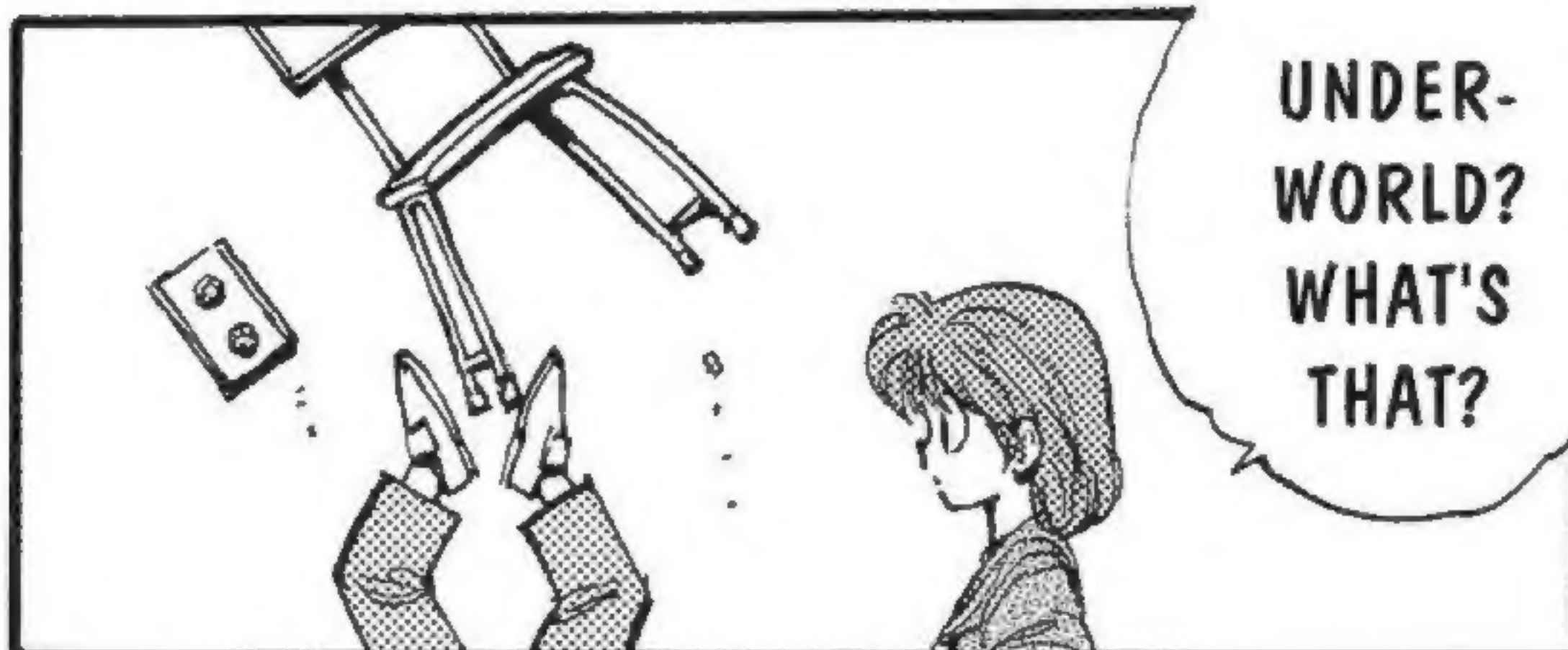
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SPRINGTIME FOR KUWABARA!!

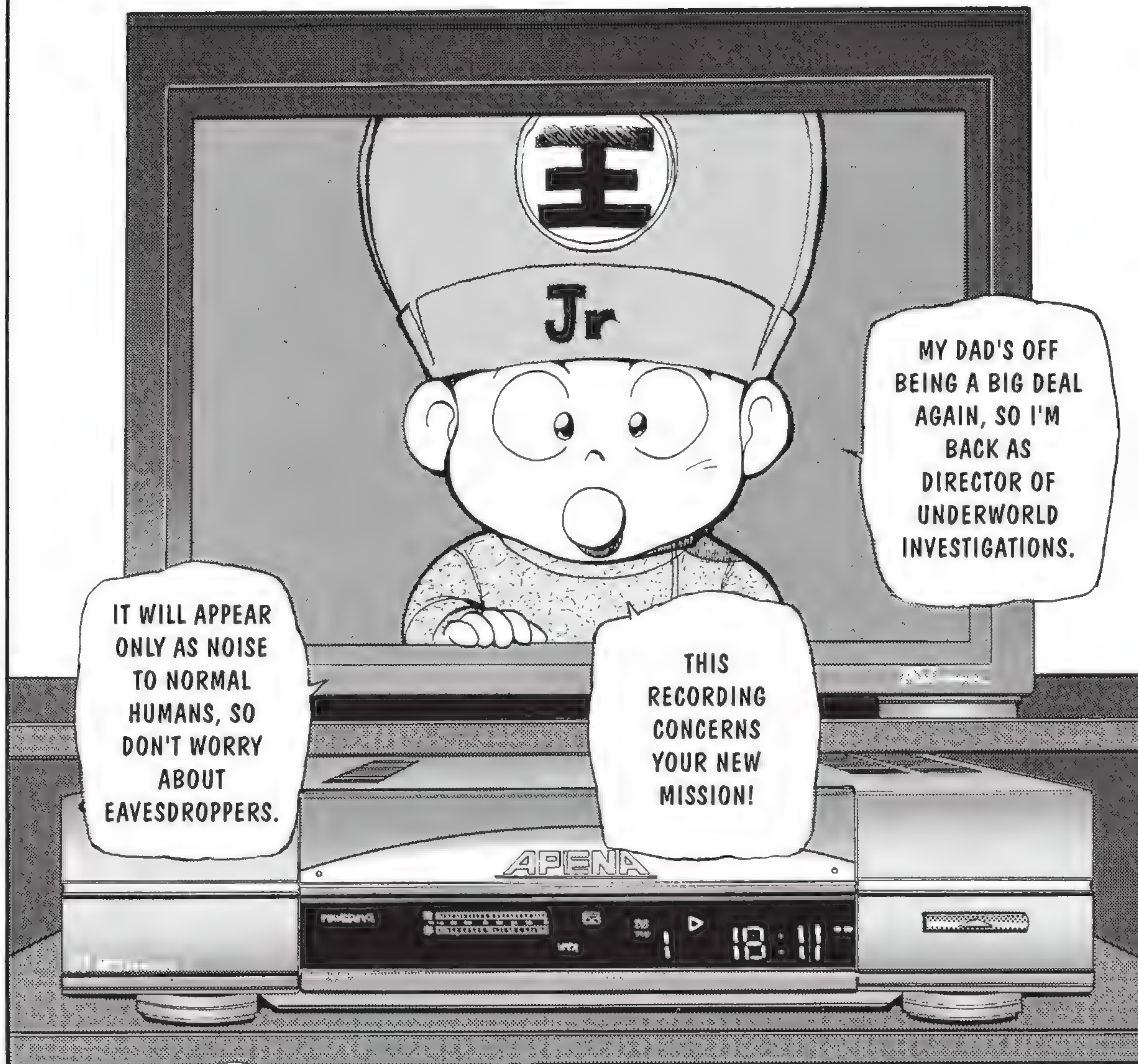


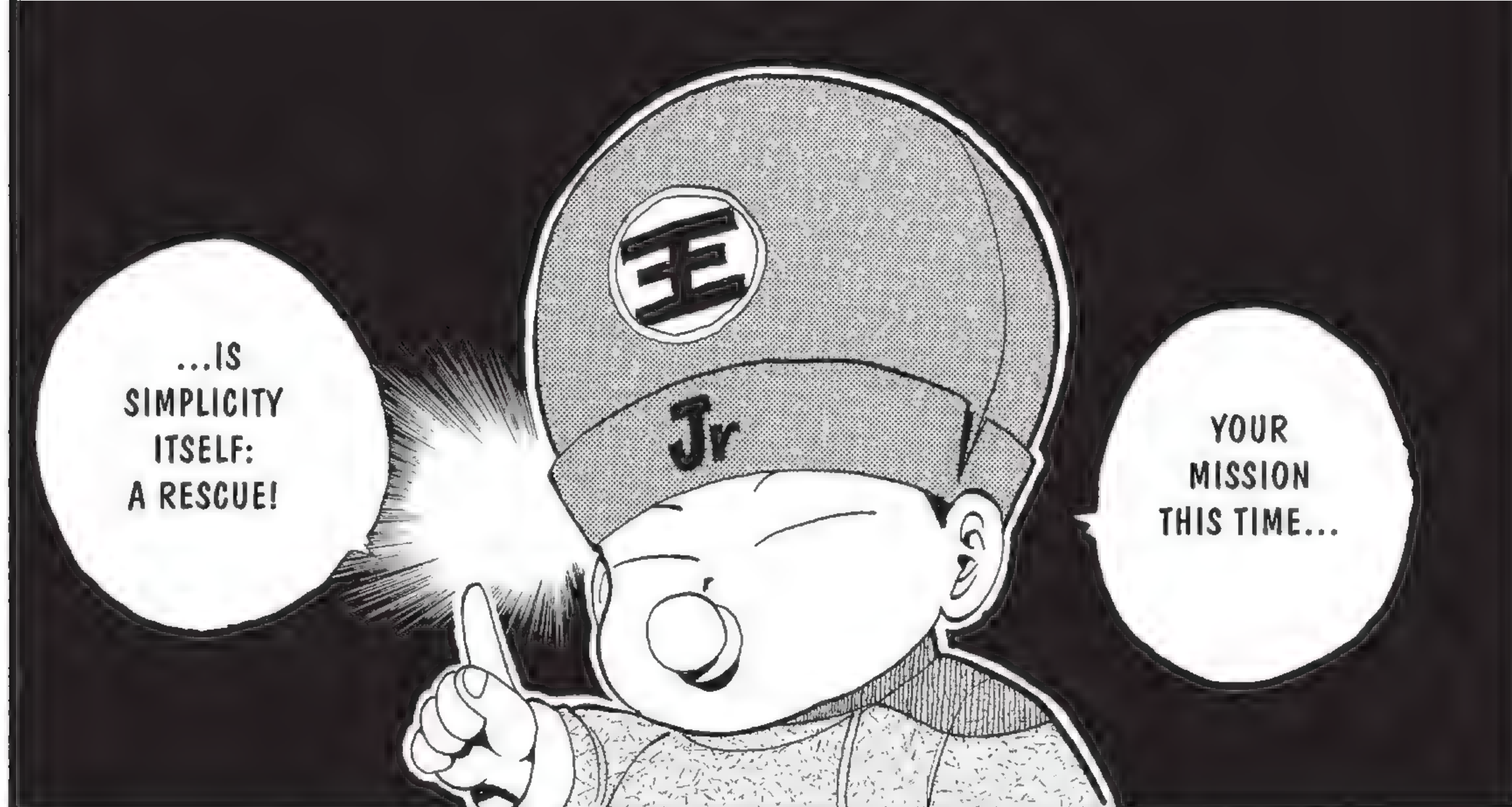


IT'S MY NEXT UNDERWORLD ASSIGNMENT.



SPRINGTIME FOR KUWABARA!!





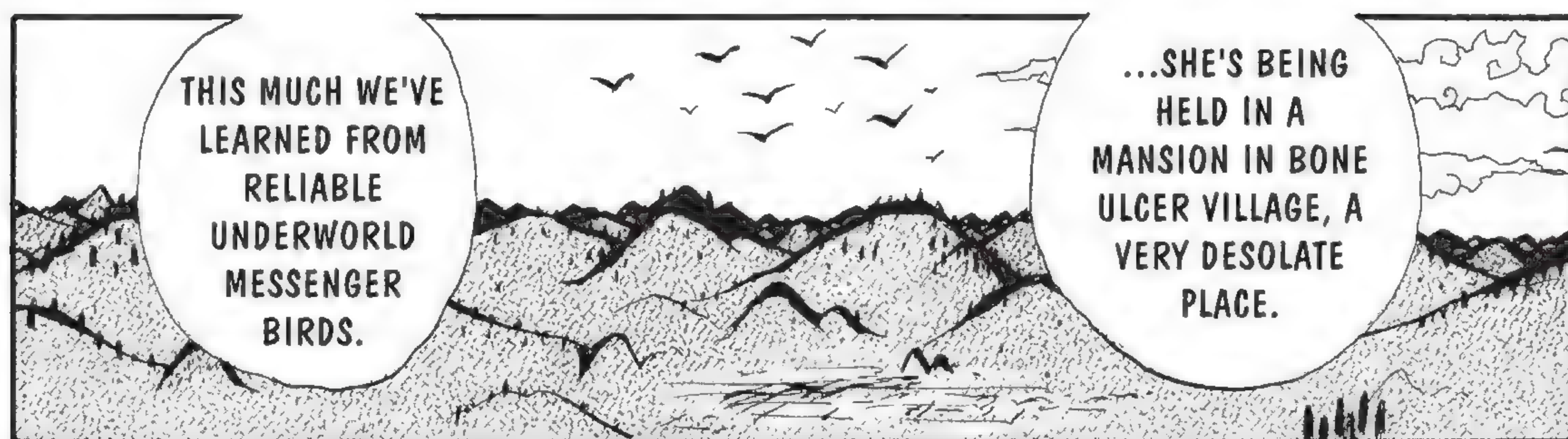
...IS
SIMPLICITY
ITSELF:
A RESCUE!

YOUR
MISSION
THIS TIME...



THAT ISN'T TO
SAY SHE'S
ENTIRELY IN-
HUMAN, BUT
ANYWAY...

THE
RESCUEE:
A NON-
HUMAN
GIRL.



THIS MUCH WE'VE
LEARNED FROM
RELIABLE
UNDERWORLD
MESSENGER
BIRDS.

...SHE'S BEING
HELD IN A
MANSION IN BONE
ULGER VILLAGE, A
VERY DESOLATE
PLACE.



SHE DOES
SO
THROUGH...

.....

SHE'S BEEN
TAKEN BY A
HEARTLESS
HUMAN WHO IS
FORCING HER
TO PRODUCE
THESE
JEWELS...

SHE'S AN ICE MAIDEN,
BELONGING TO THE
DEMONIC FAMILY OF
WINTER SPIRITS. THEY
ARE NOTED FOR THE
BEAUTIFUL JEWELS THEY
PRODUCE...

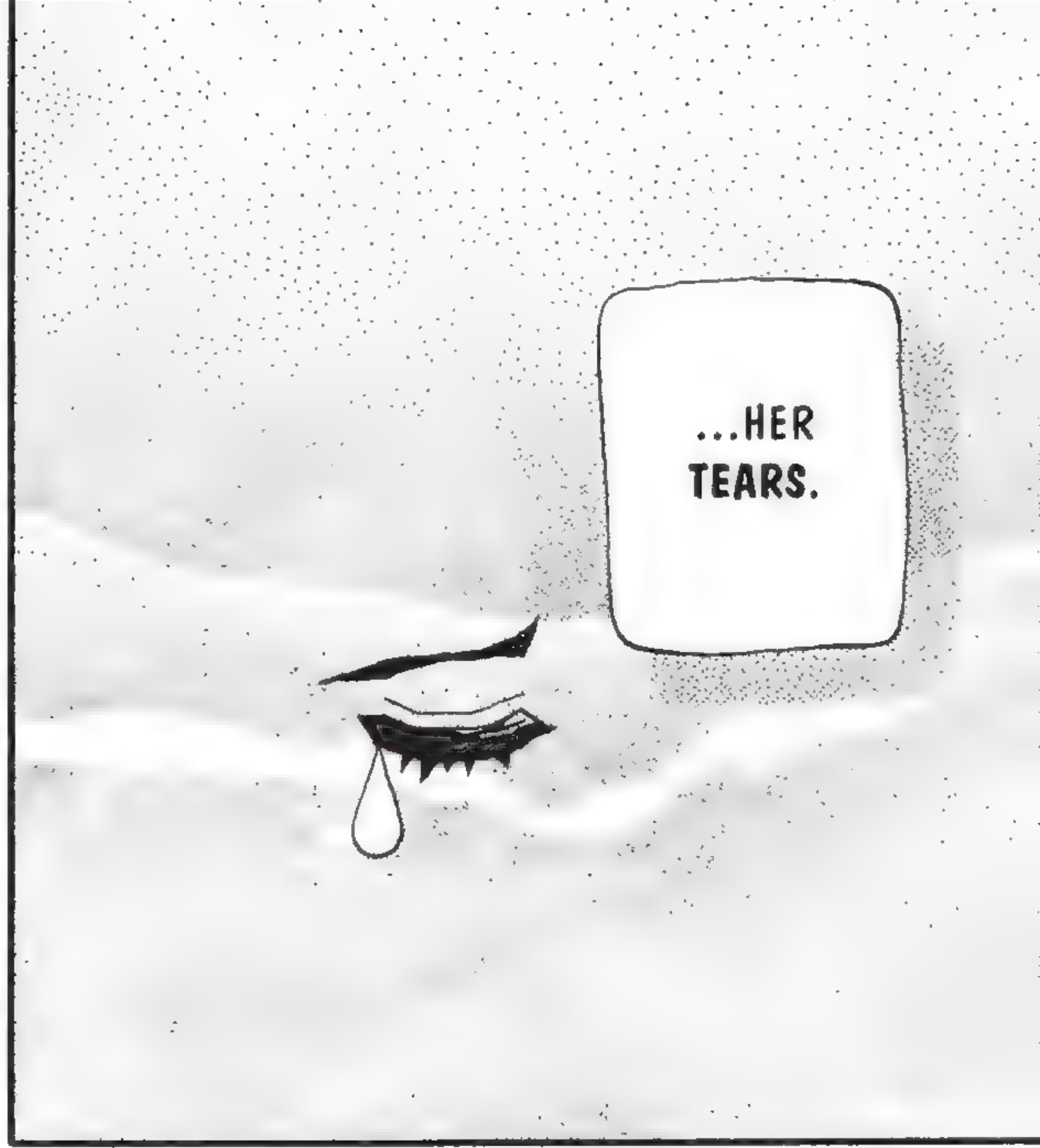


WORTH
HUNDREDS OF
MILLIONS ON
THE BLACK
MARKET!

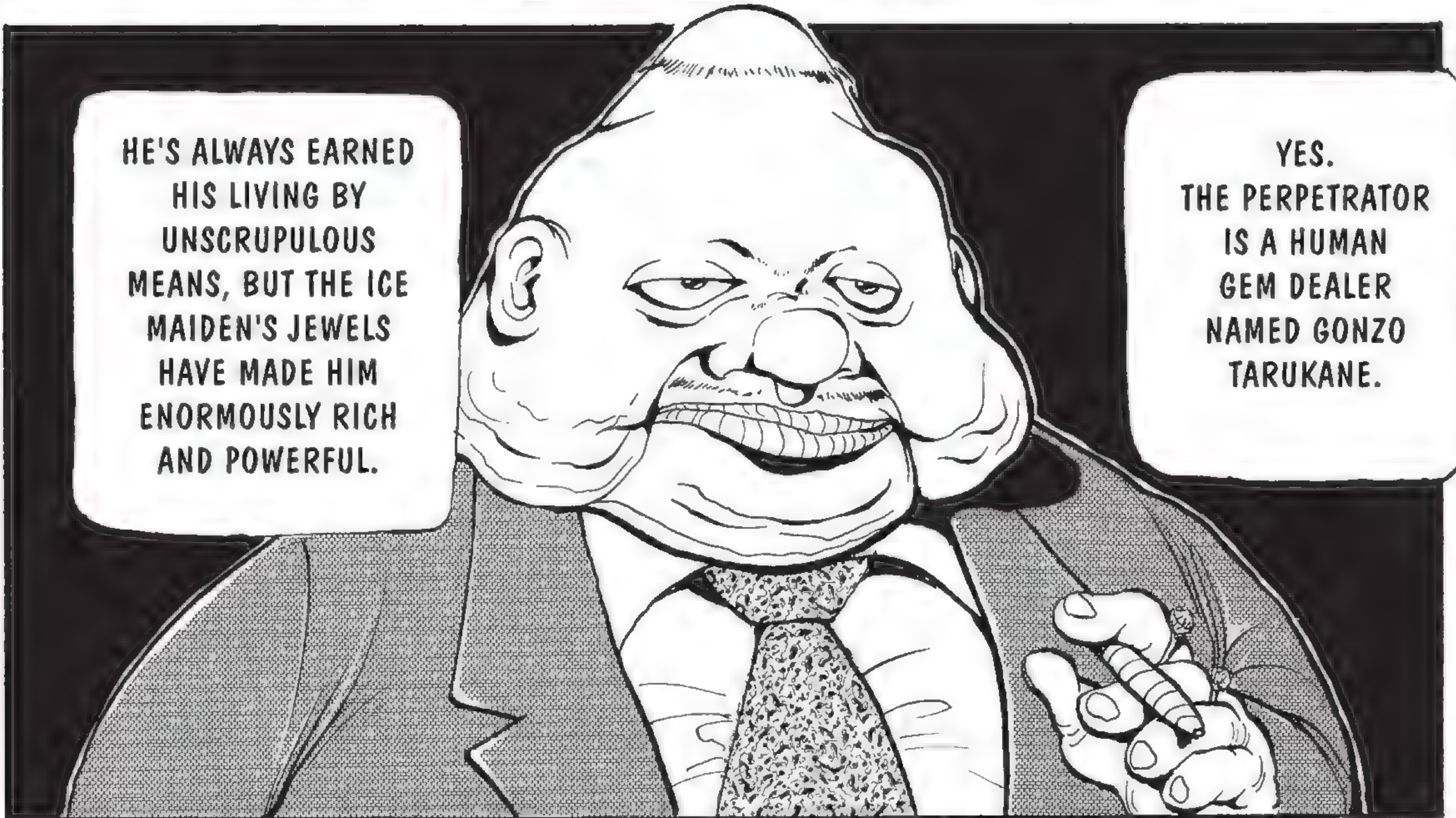
THEY
MUST BE
PURE
RARE
CRYSTAL!



SO THIS
DUDE IS MAK-
ING HER CRY TO
GET THESE
JEWELS?



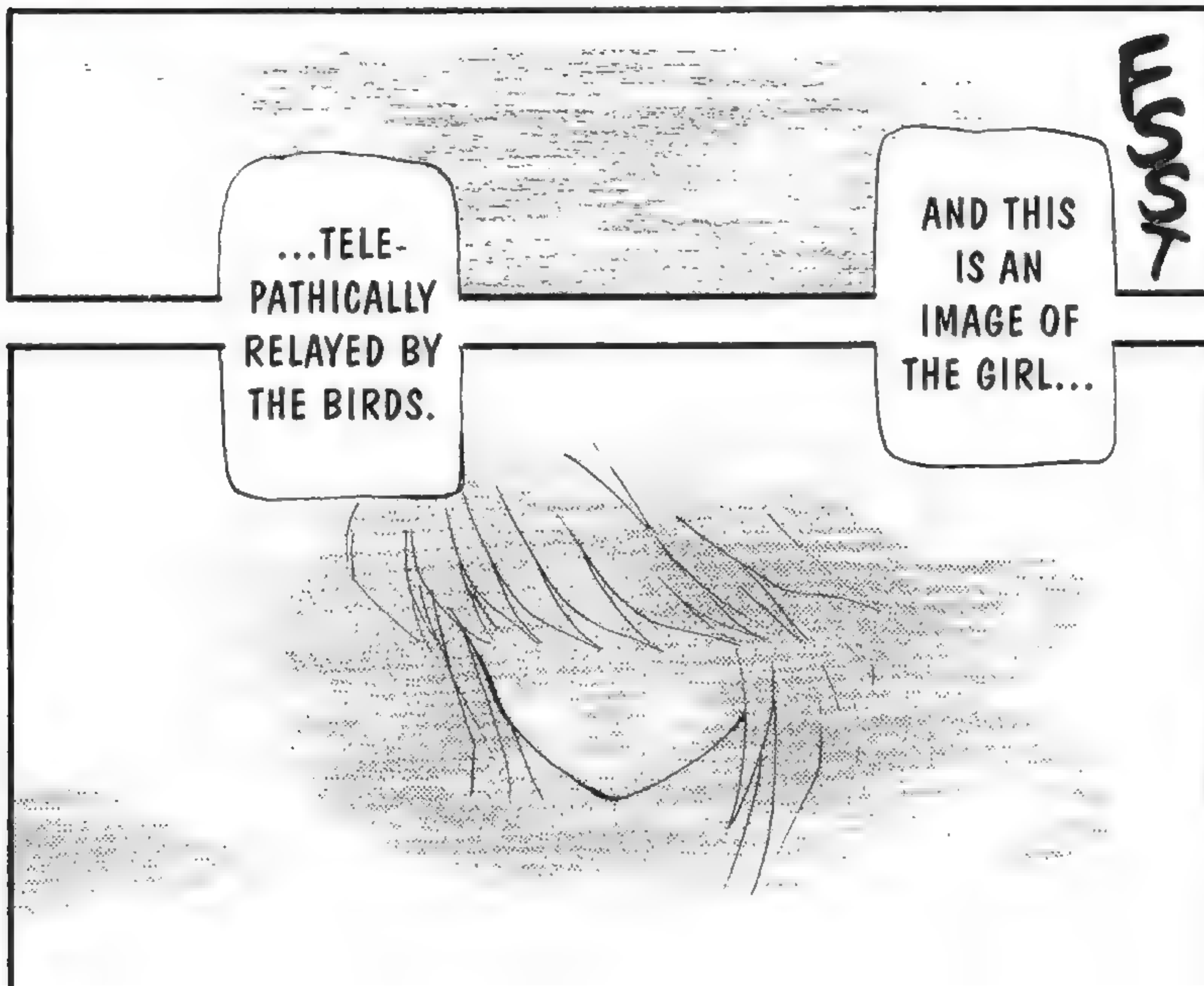
...HER
TEARS.



HE'S ALWAYS EARNED
HIS LIVING BY
UNSCRUPULOUS
MEANS, BUT THE ICE
MAIDEN'S JEWELS
HAVE MADE HIM
ENORMOUSLY RICH
AND POWERFUL.

YES.
THE PERPETRATOR
IS A HUMAN
GEM DEALER
NAMED GONZO
TARUKANE.

WHY DO I DRAW SUCH PUG-UGLIES?



...TELE-
PATHICALLY
RELAYED BY
THE BIRDS.

AND THIS
IS AN
IMAGE OF
THE GIRL...



WORSE
THAN ANY
DEMON!

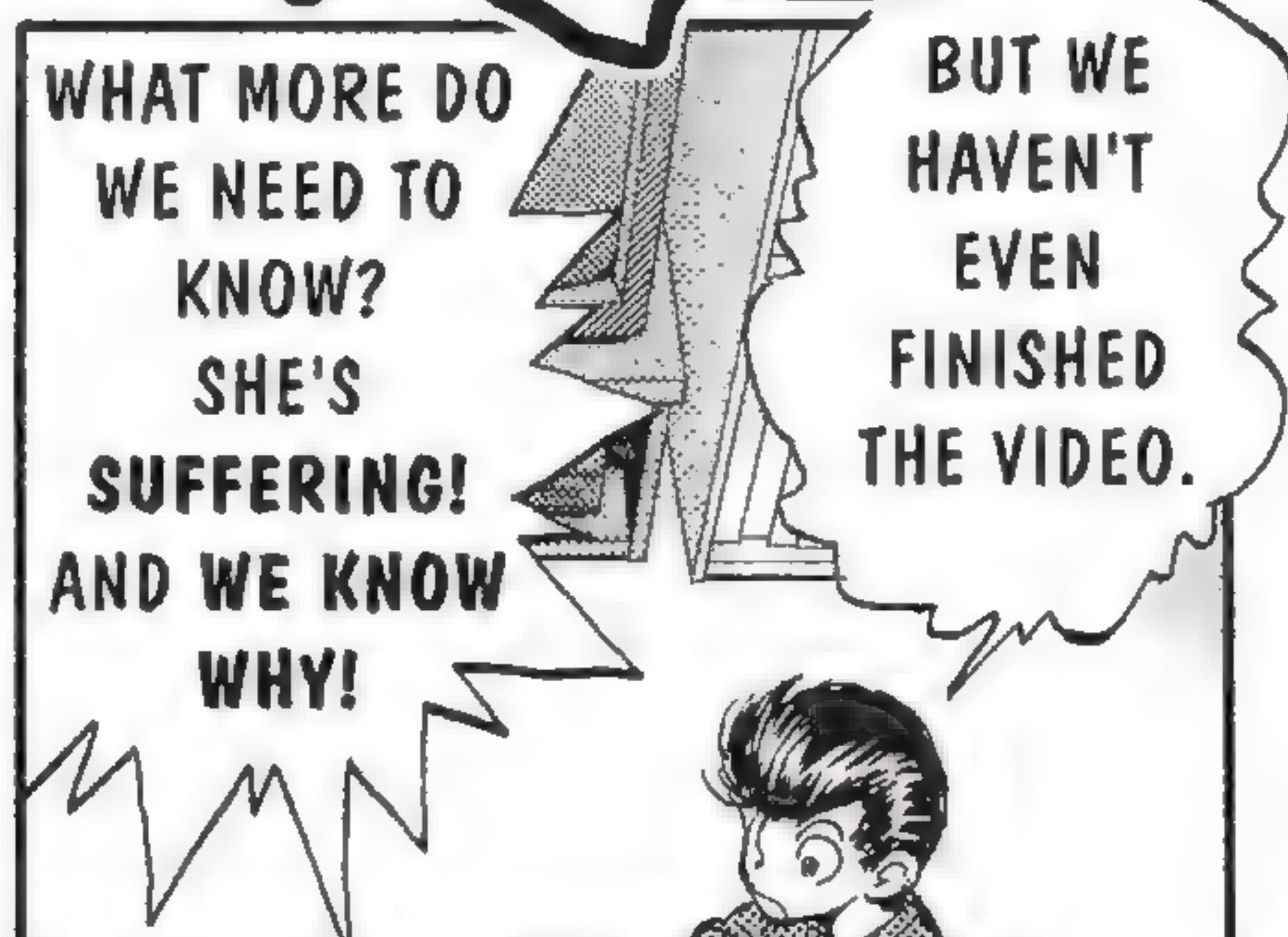
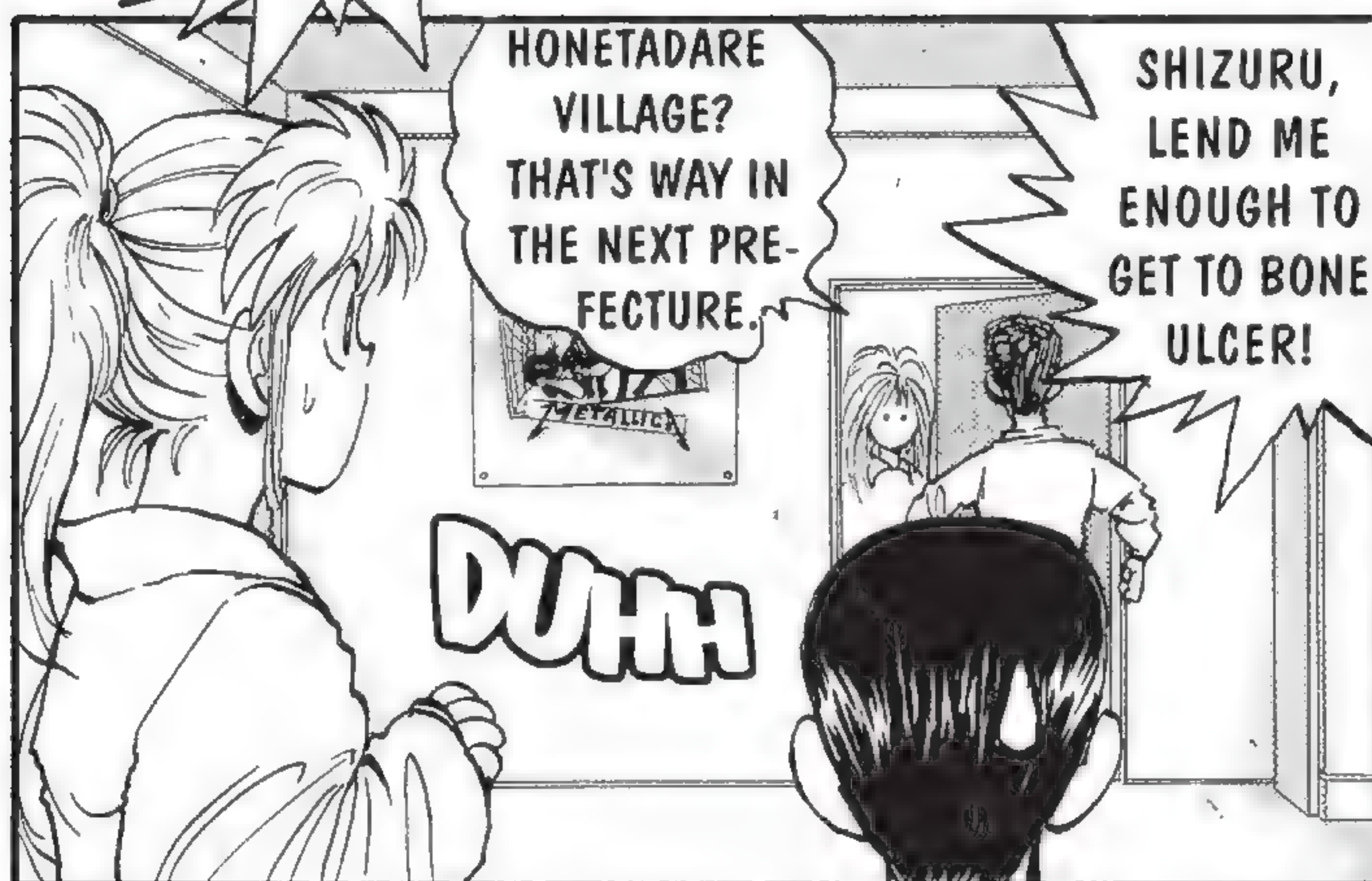
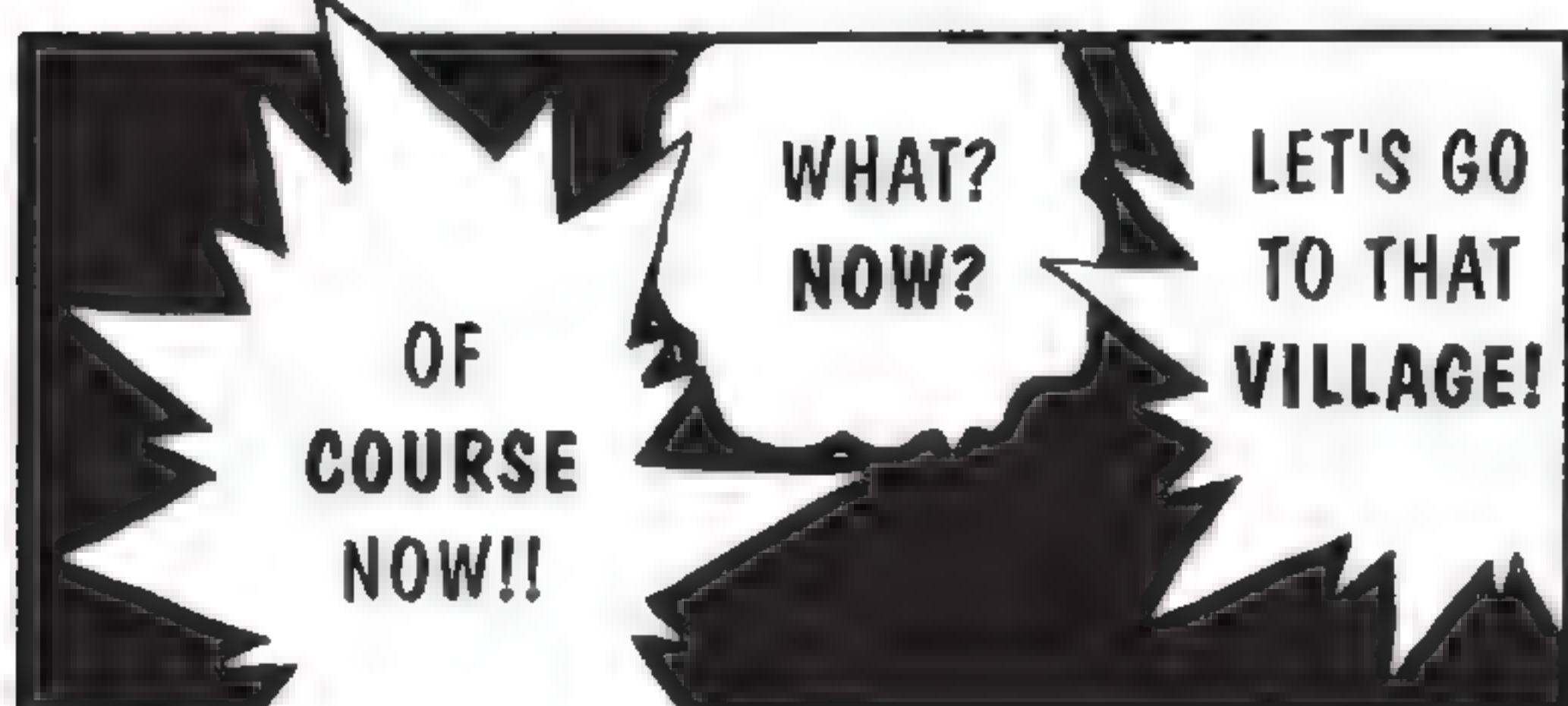
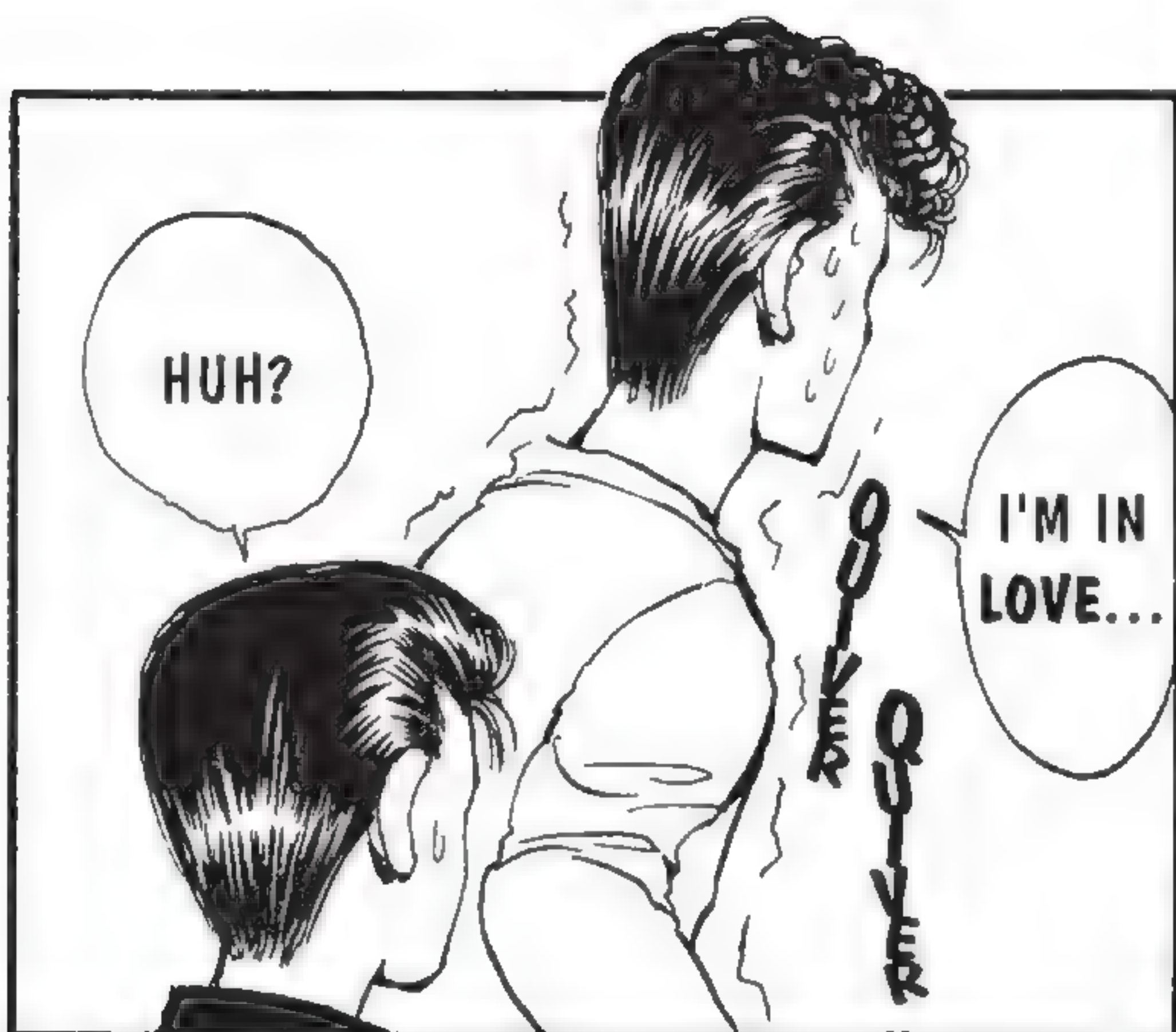
YEESH!
HE SURE
LOOKS
LIKE A
SLEAZE!



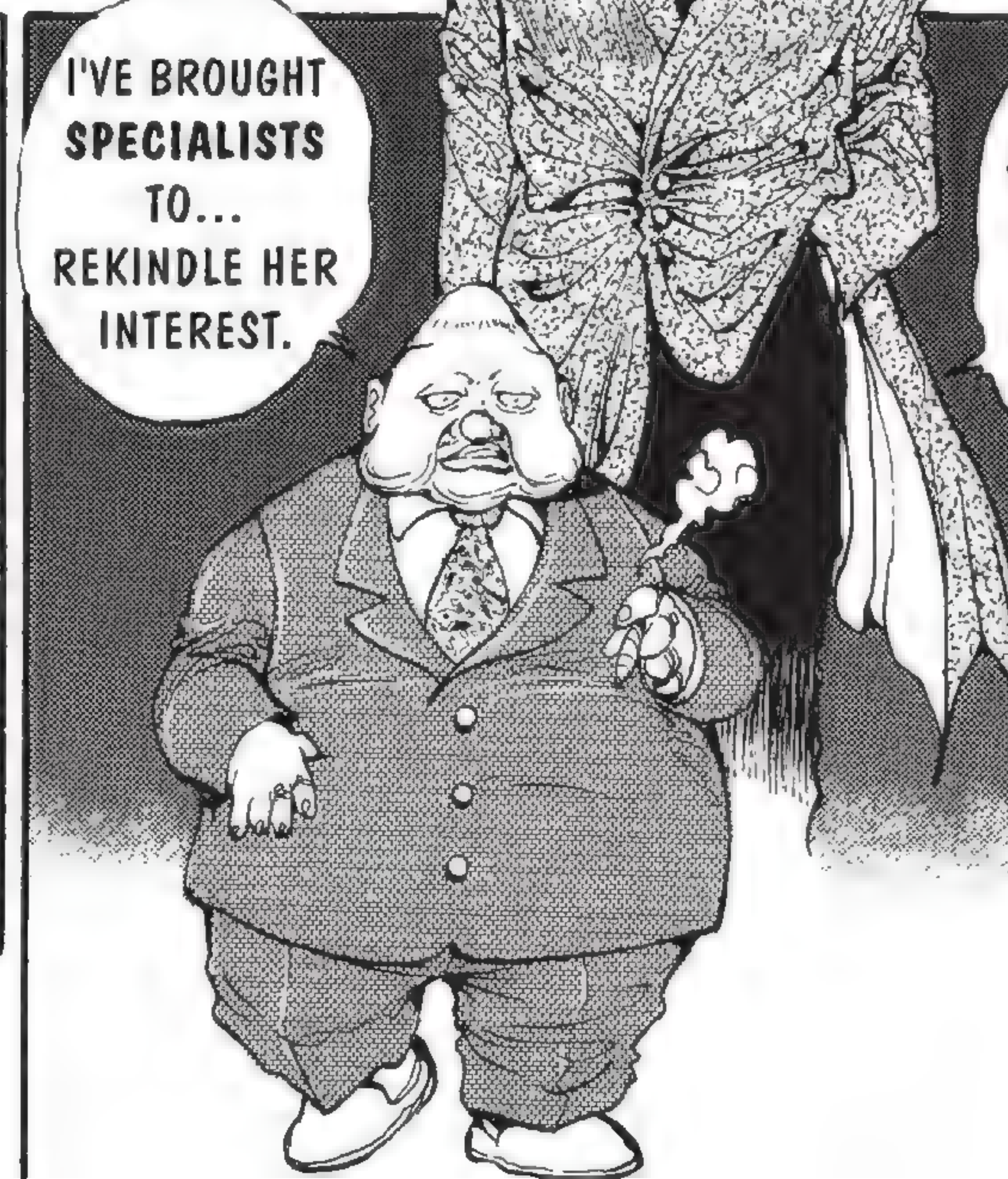
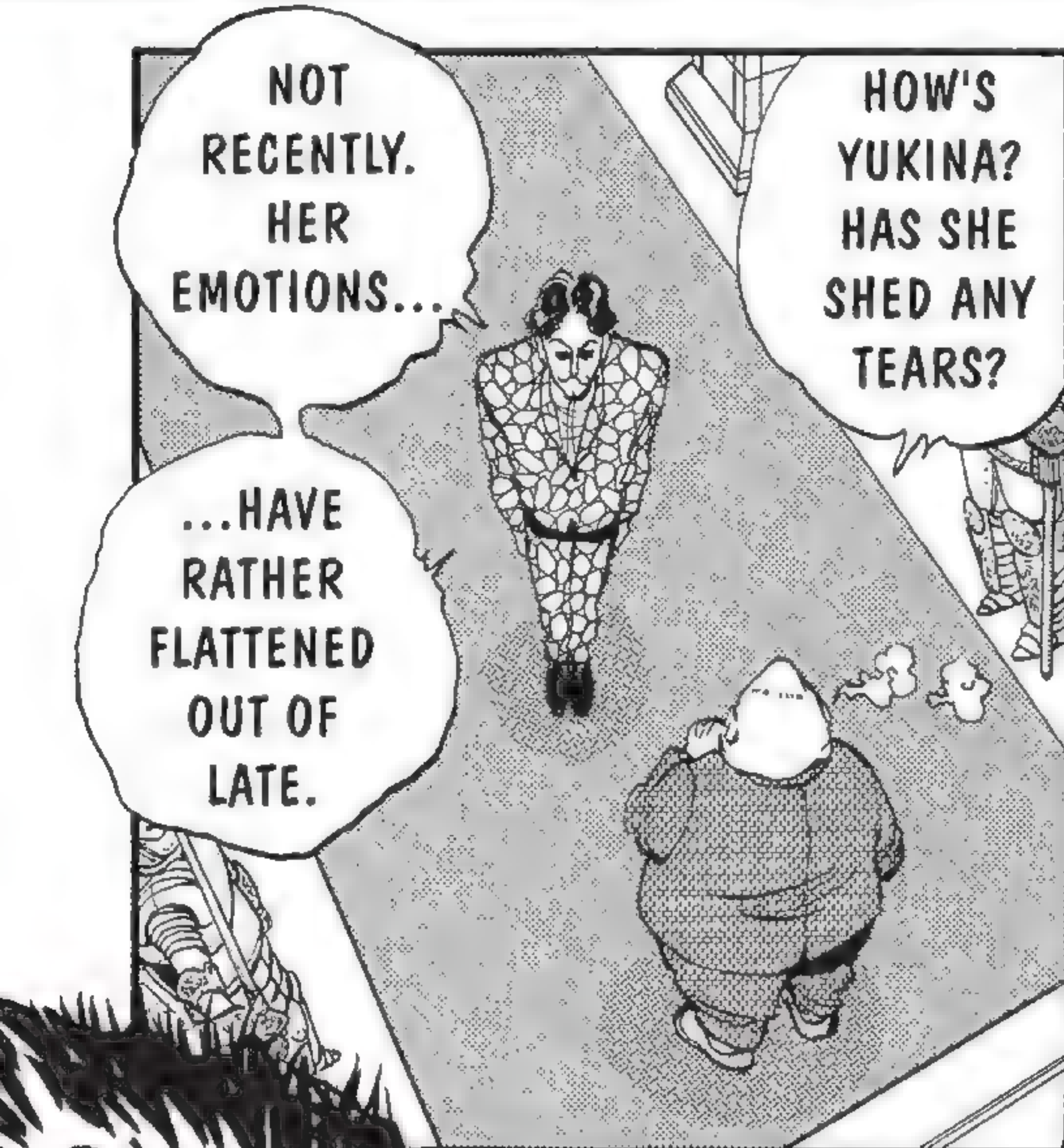
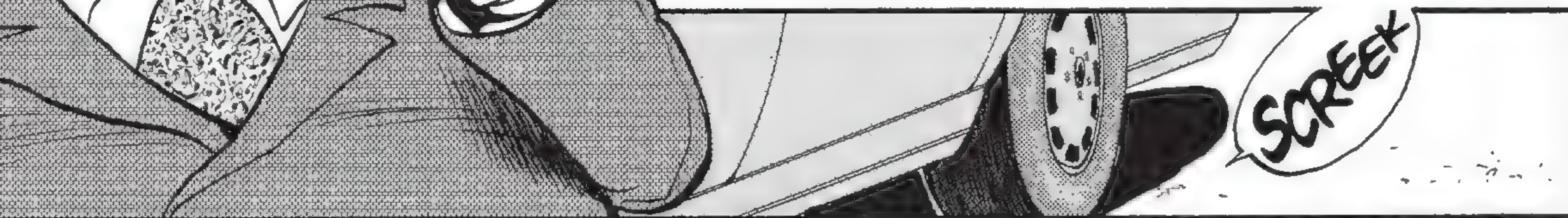
THE BARRIER
OF TALISMANS
MUST KEEP
HER
RESTRAINED.

SHE'S
CONFINED TO
A ROOM AT
TARUKANE'S
SUMMER
MANSION.





TARUKANE
ESTATE...





DEMONS IN
THE BUSINESS
OF PROVIDING
MONSTERS!!

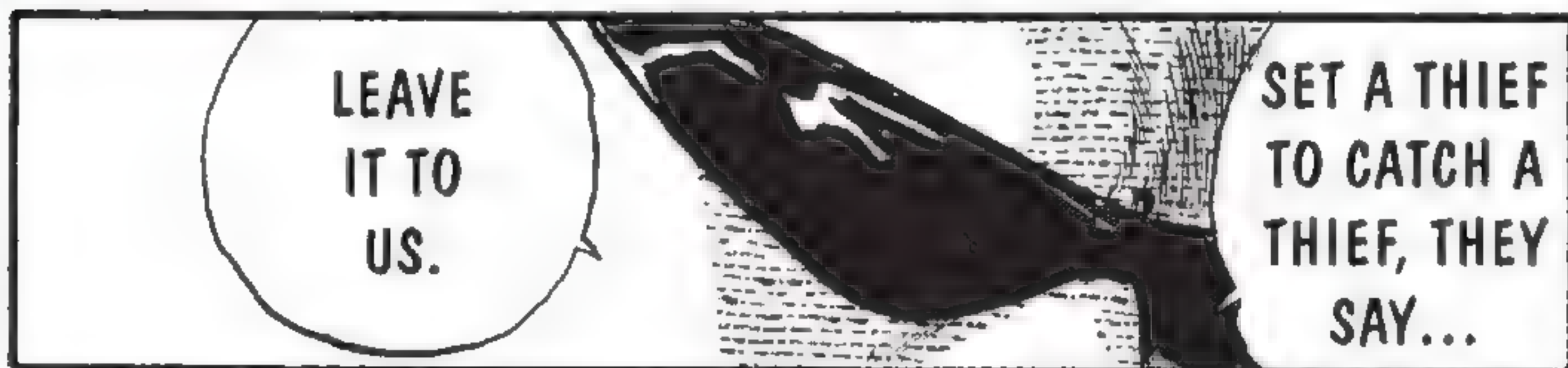
GOOD
GOLLY
MISS
MOLLY!

BROKERS
OF
DARKNESS?



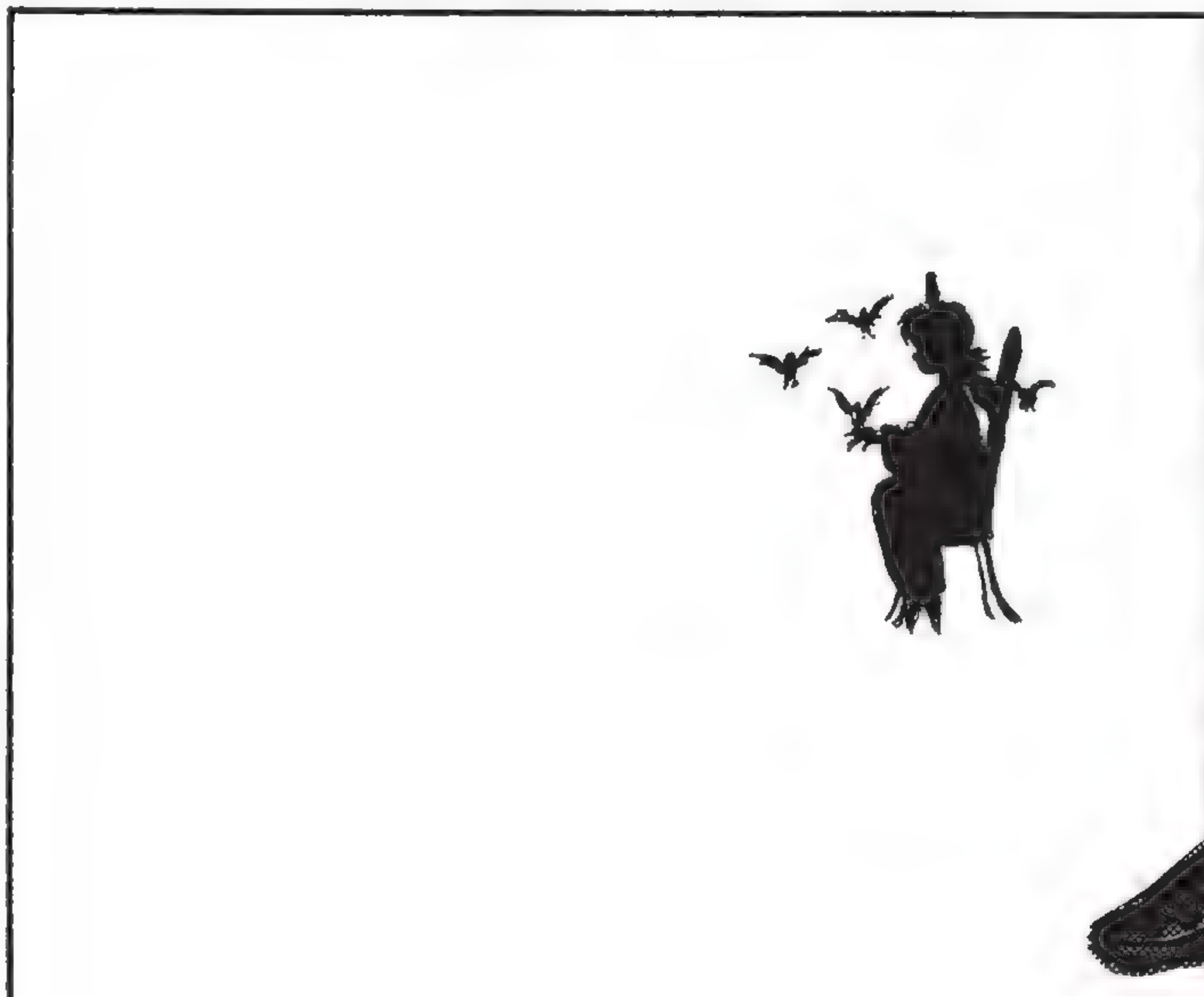
THEY KNOW
HOW TO
DEAL WITH
FREAKS.

FOR EVERY-
THING FROM
SIDESHOWS TO
ASSAULT
FORCES.



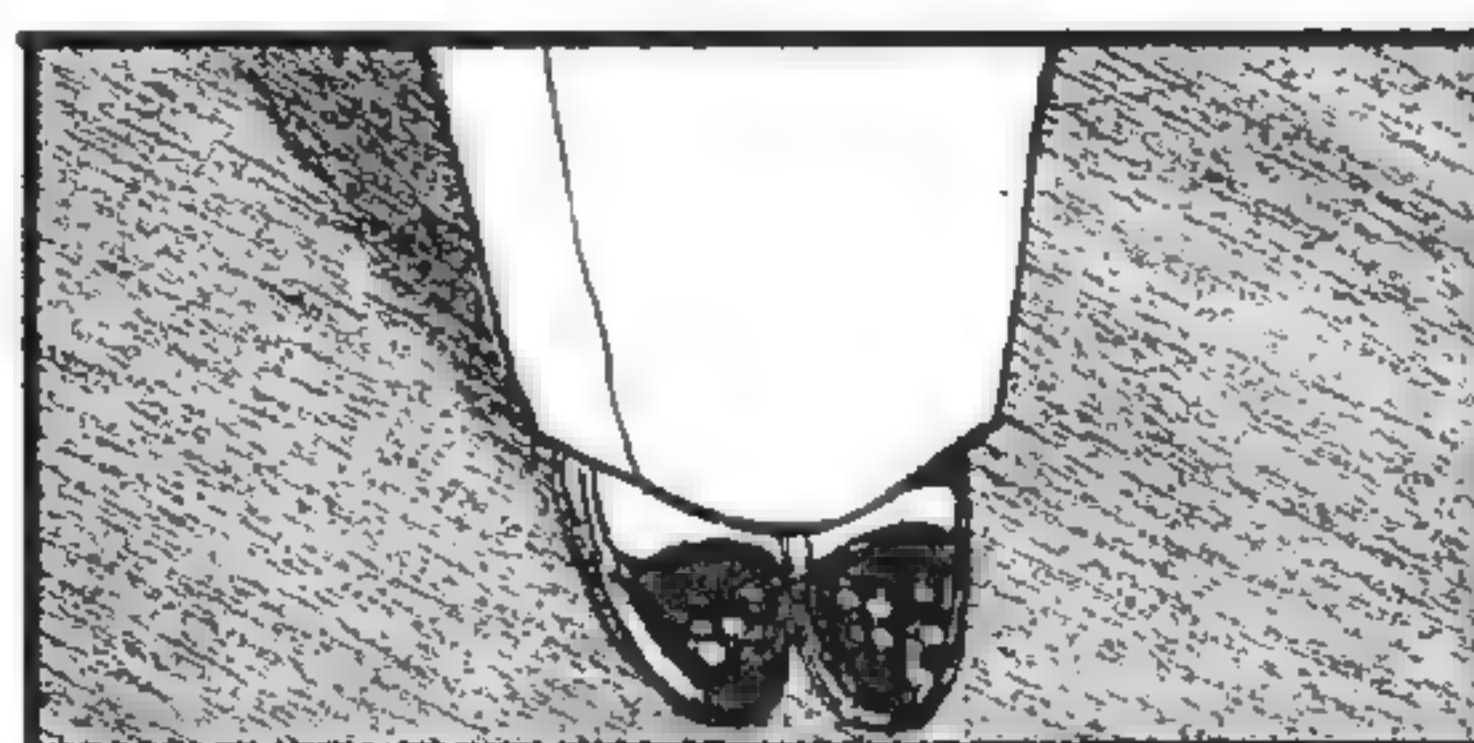
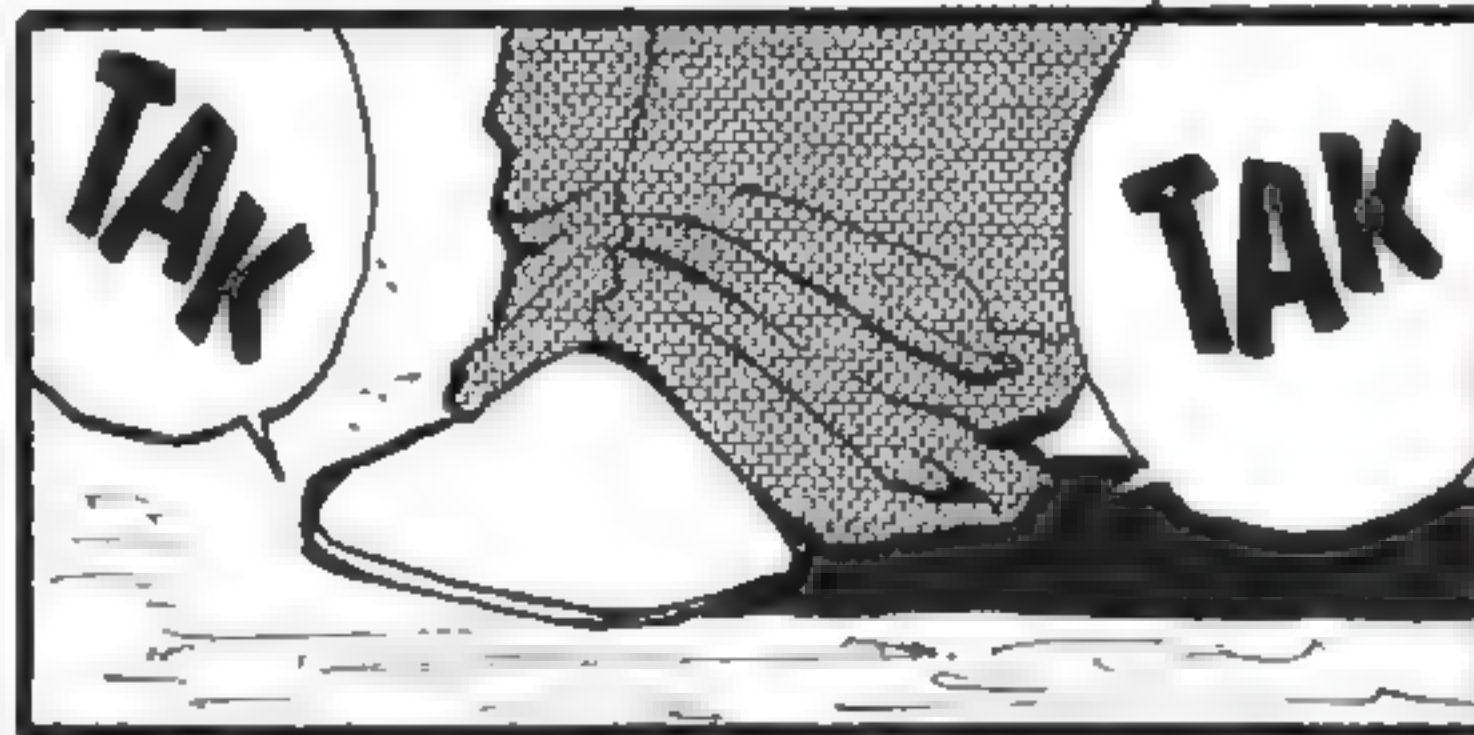
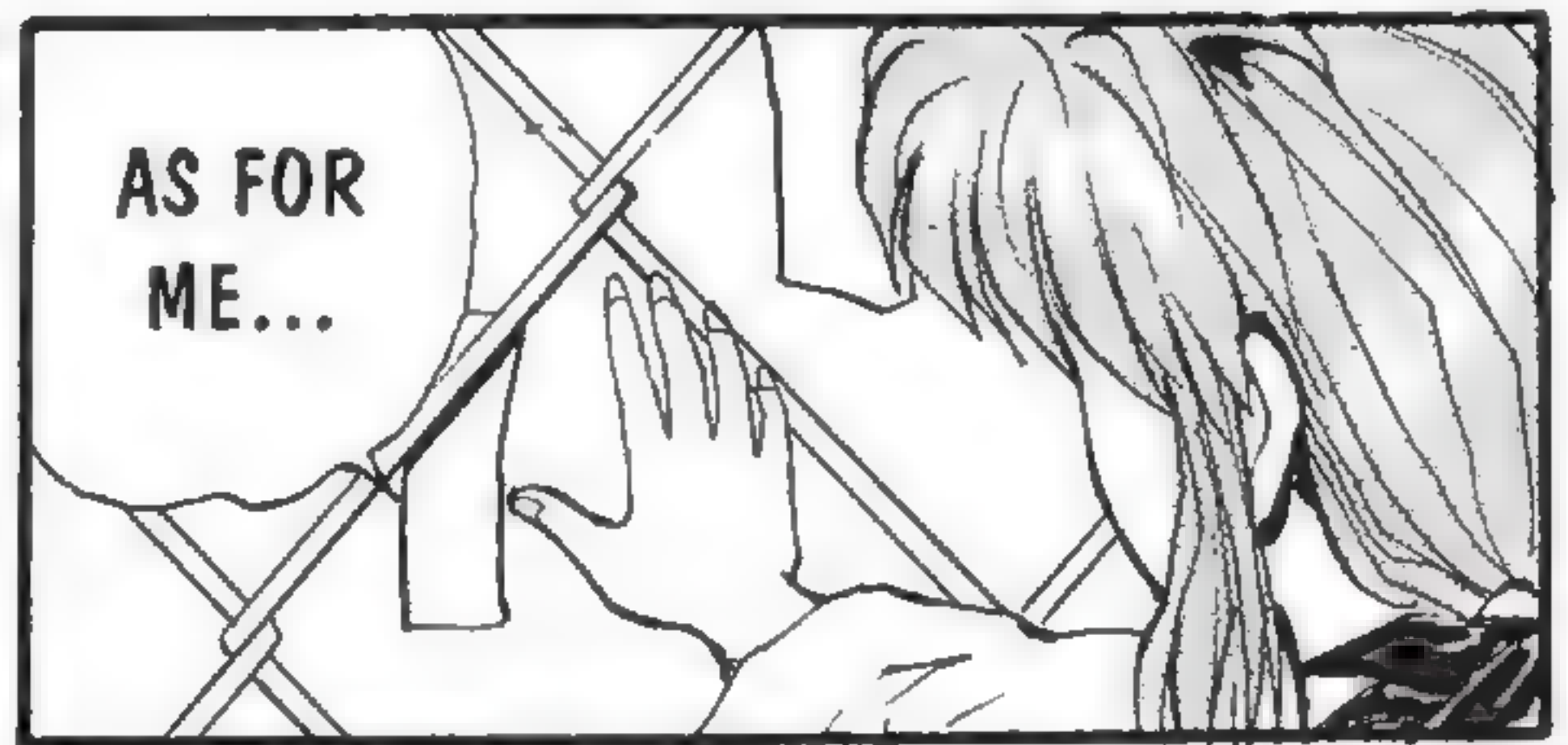
LEAVE
IT TO
US.

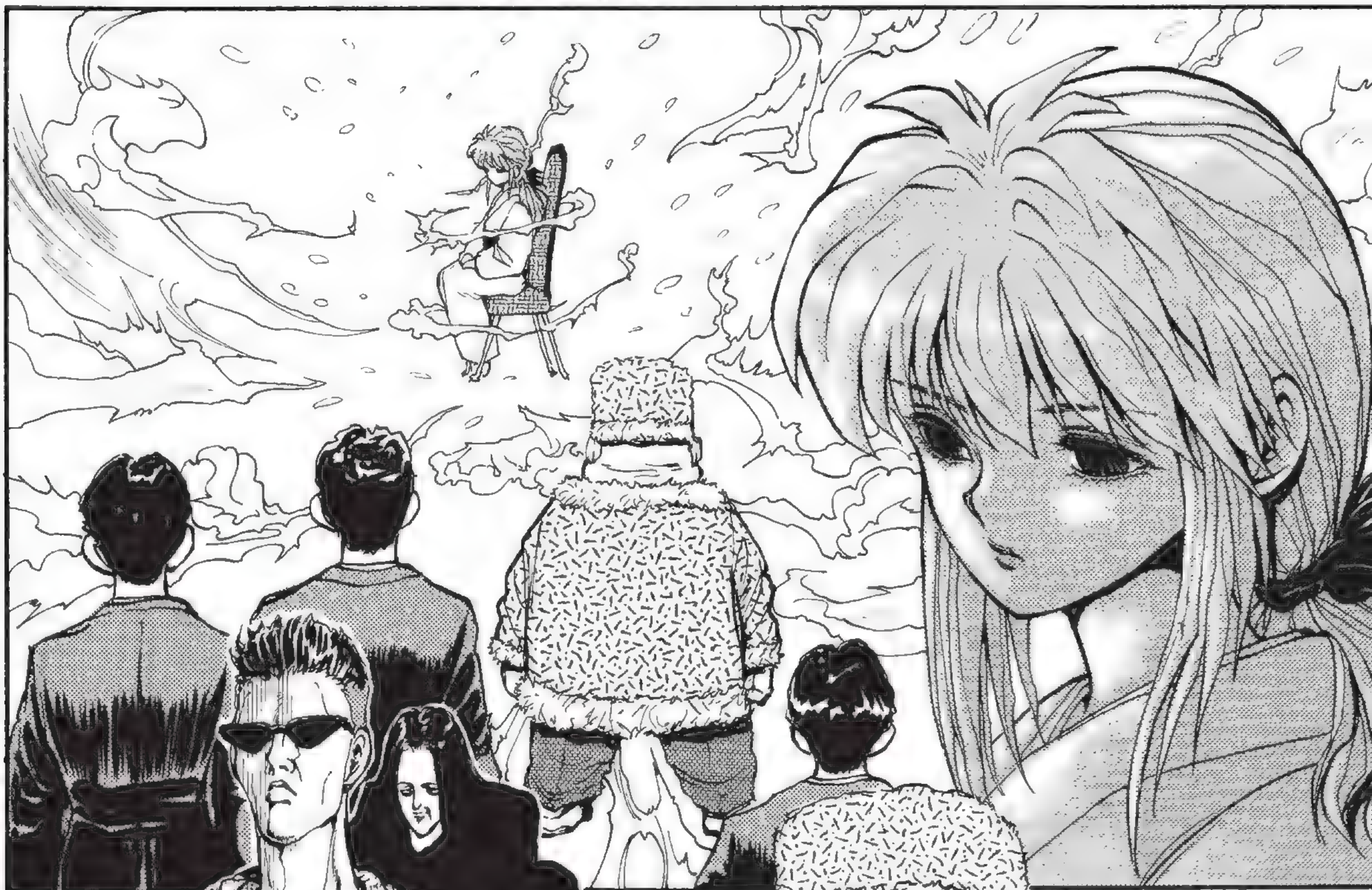
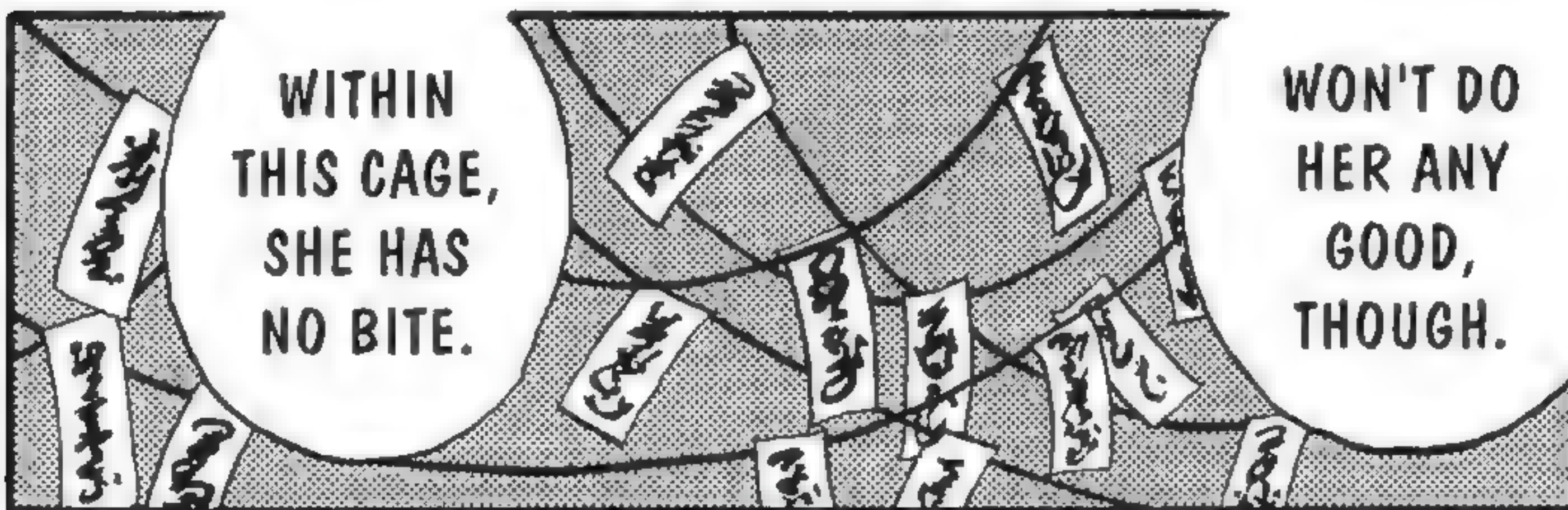
SET A THIEF
TO CATCH A
THIEF, THEY
SAY...

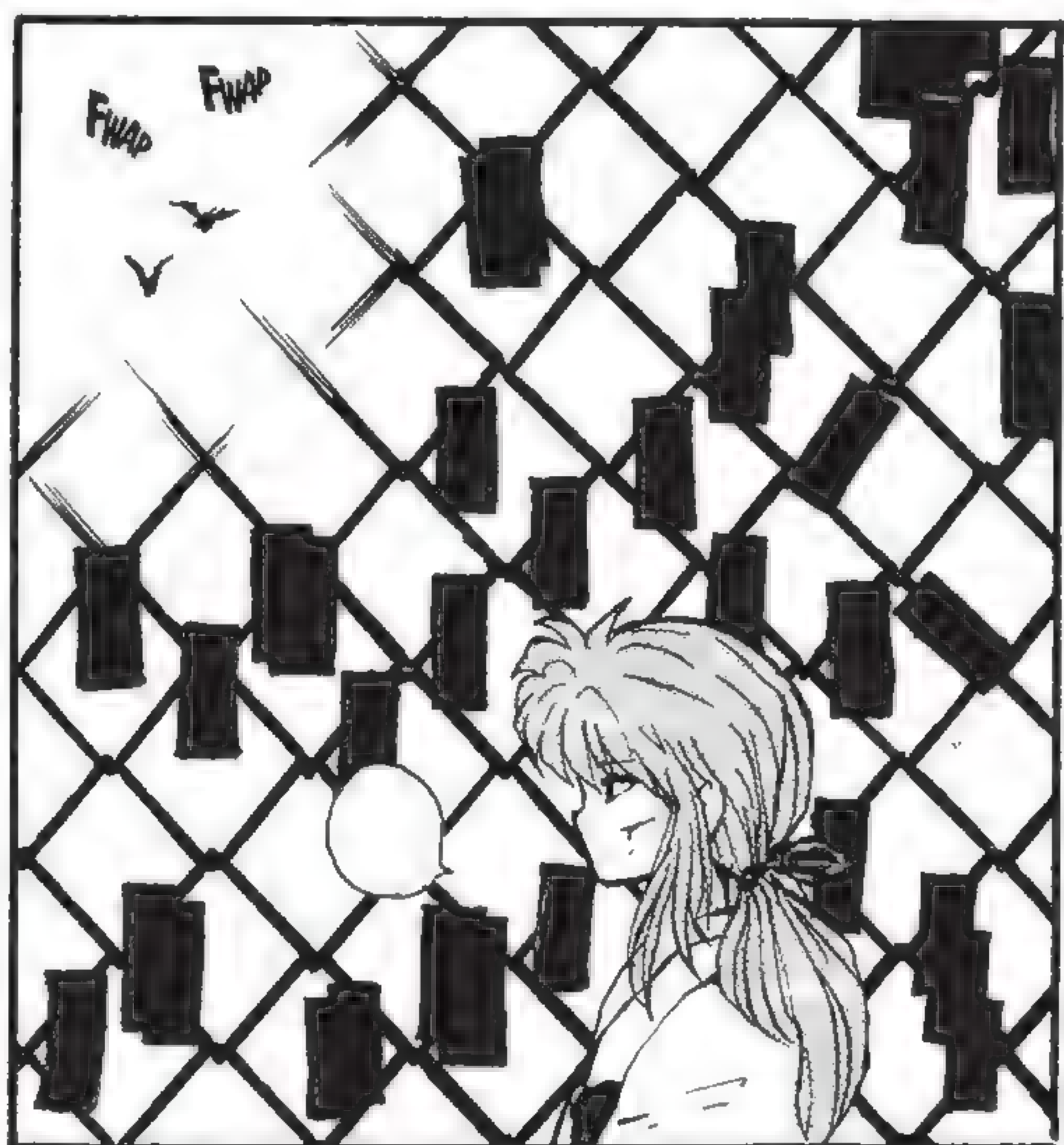


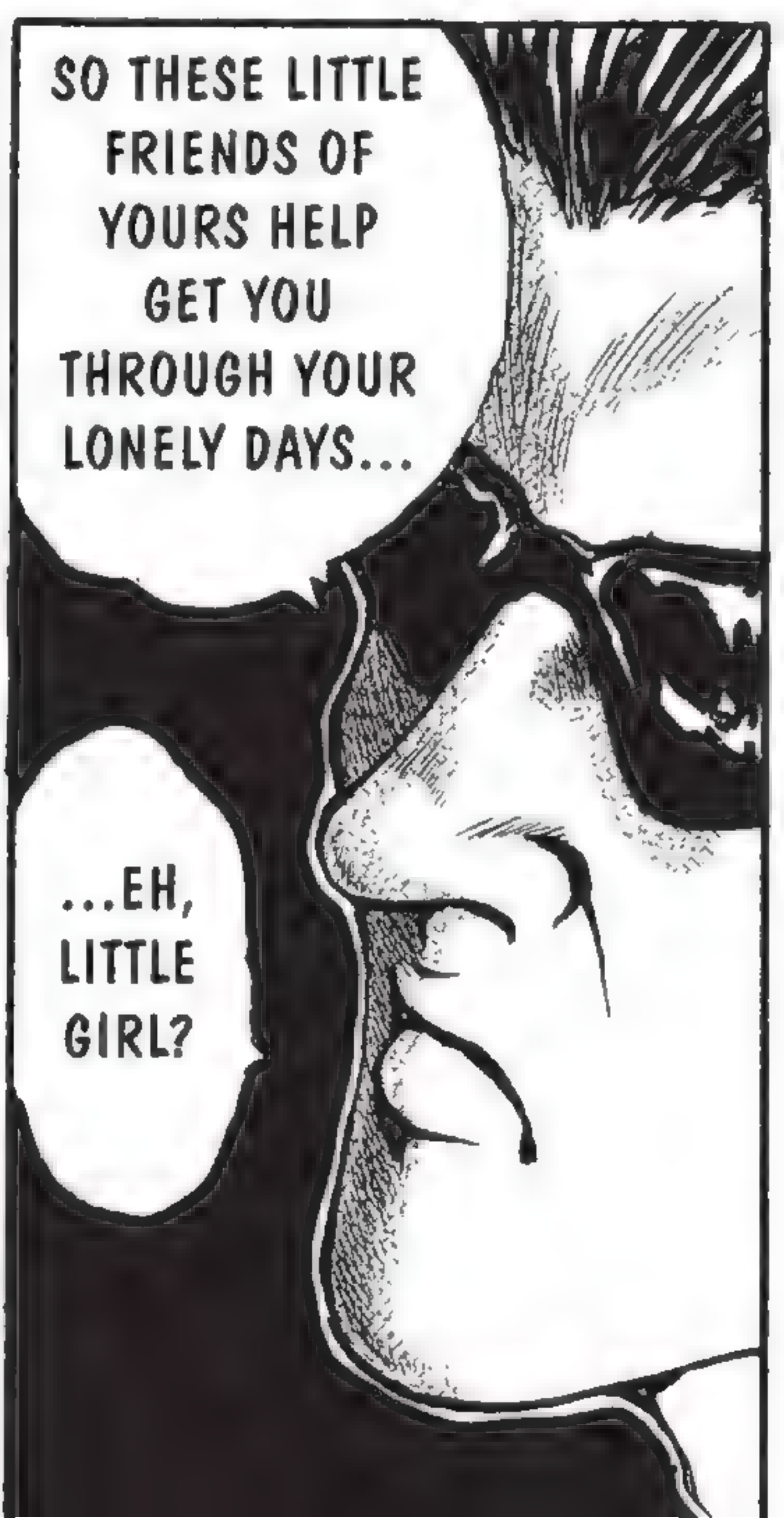
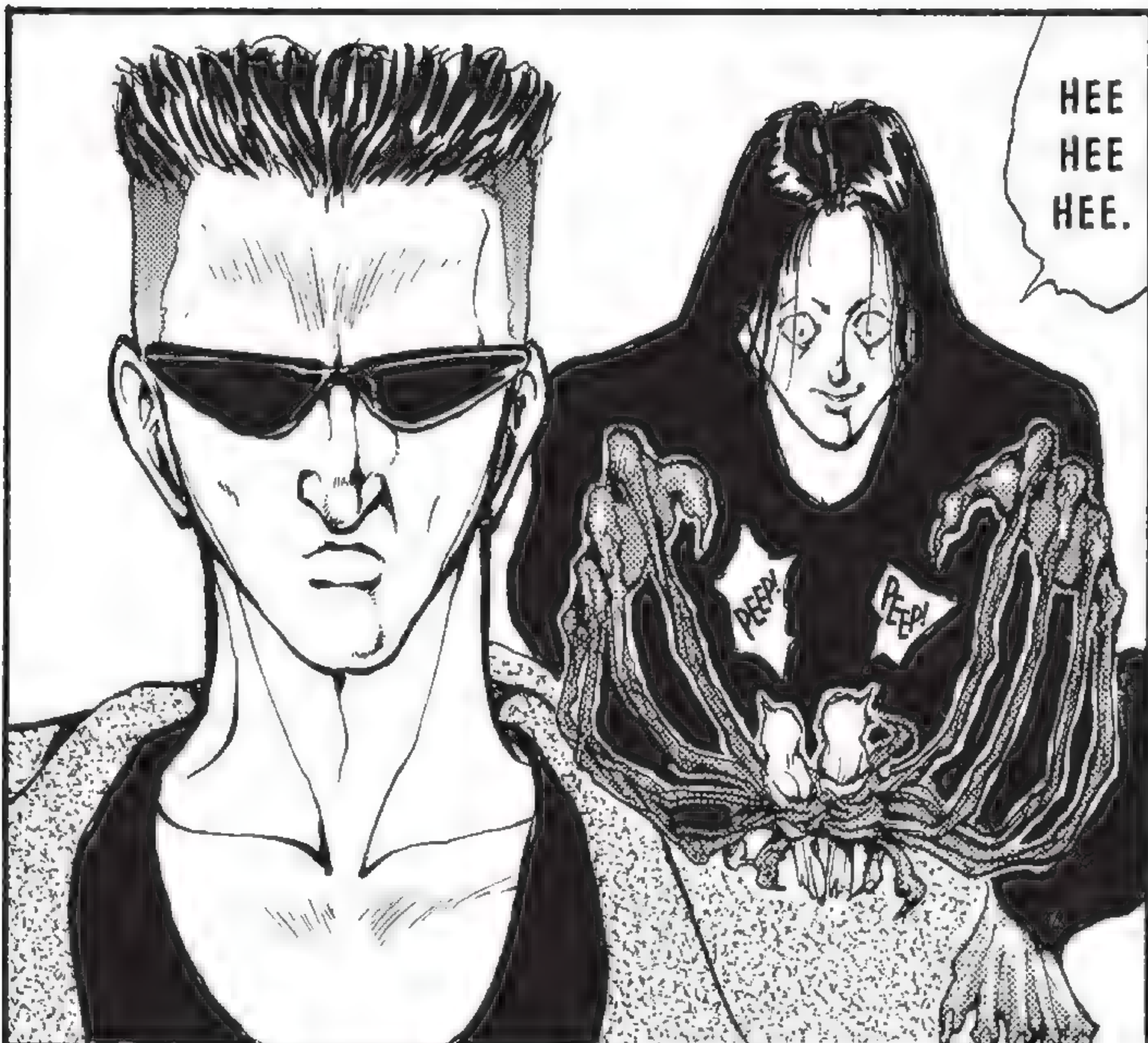
...BROKERS
OF
DARKNESS!

THE
TOGURO
BROTHERS...









...NO
MORE...



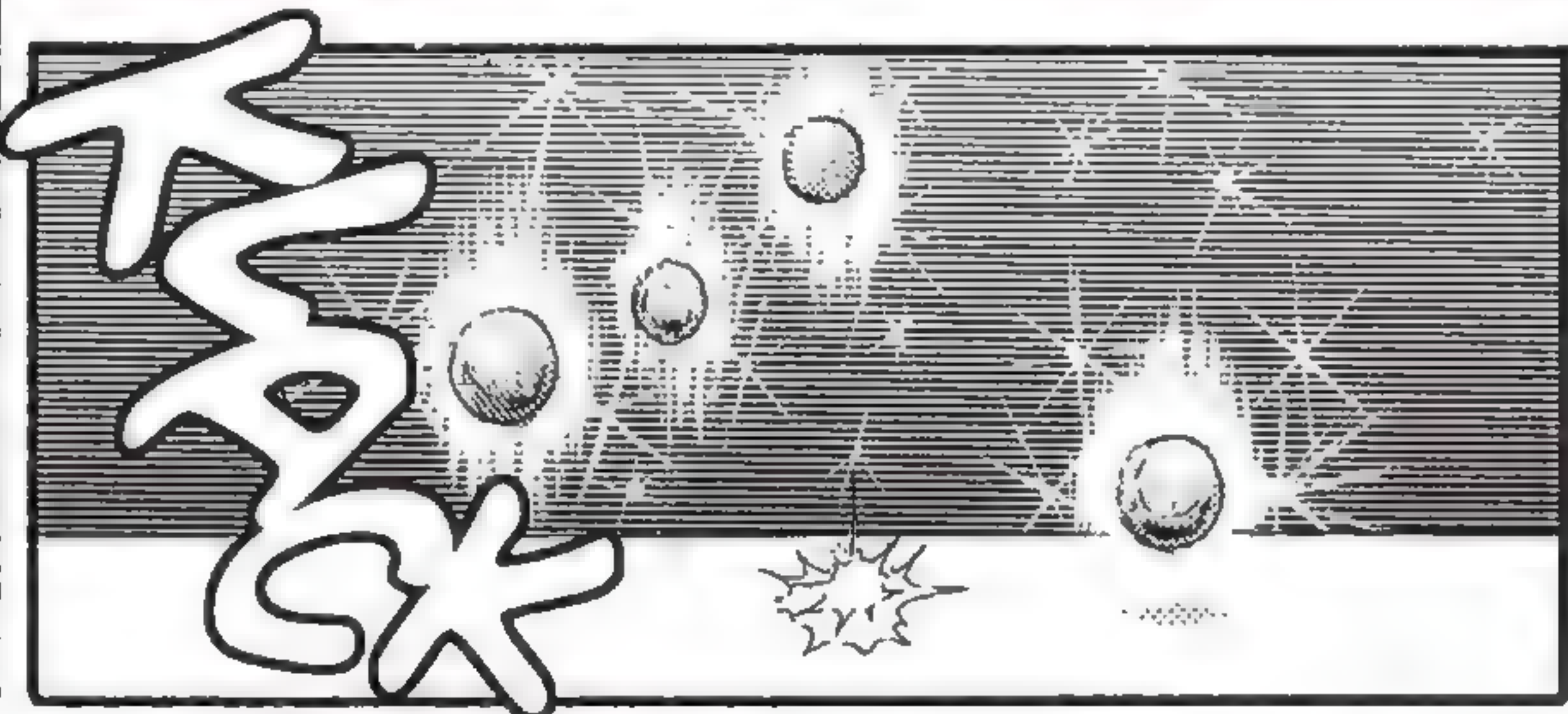
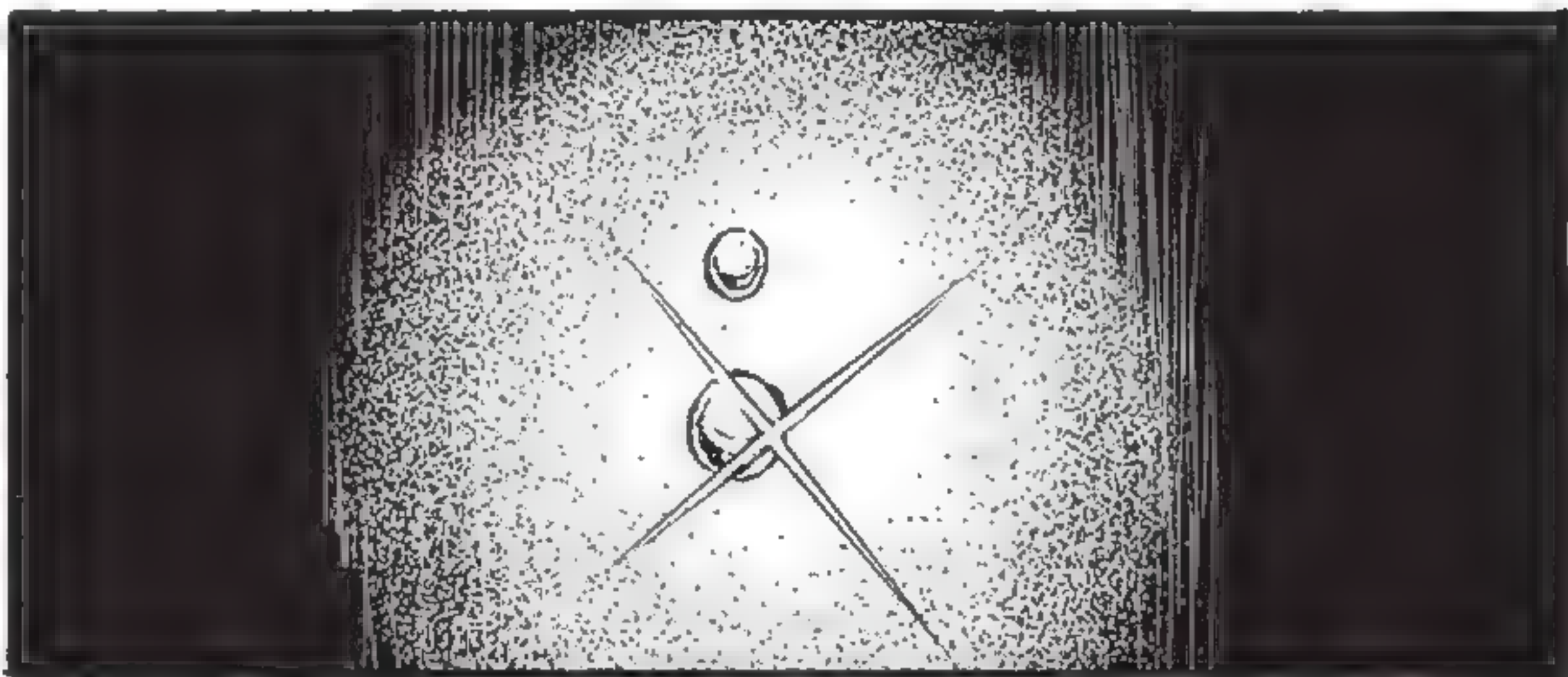
...PLEASE...



OOH!

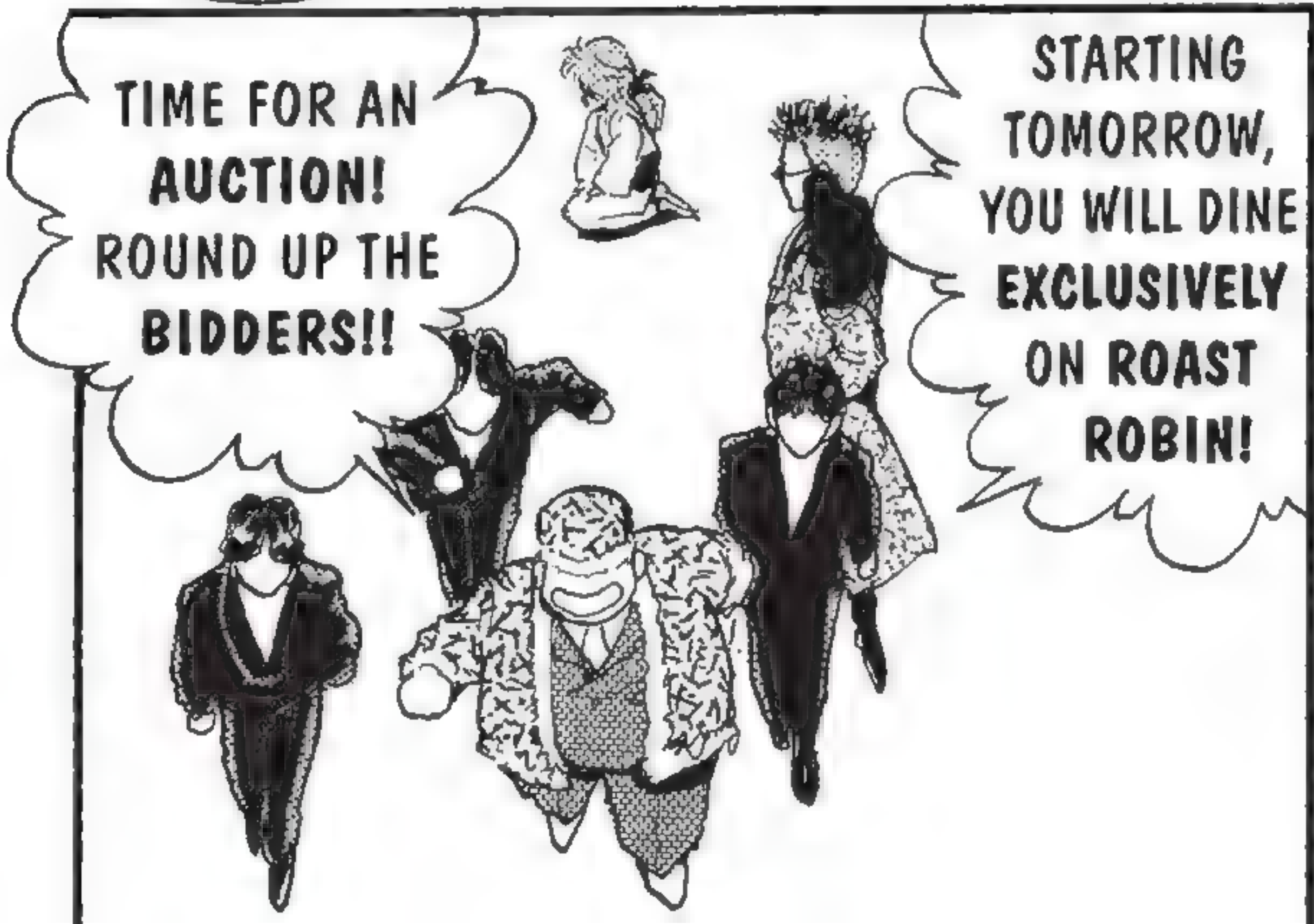
HO HO HO!
THERE
THEY ARE!

YOU
DID IT!
HEE HEE
HEE!



SO SAD...
ABOUT A
COUPLE OF WILD
BIRDS, EH?
HOW PATHETIC!

THE THOUGHTS
OF FREAKS
BAFFLE ME,
THEY REALLY
DO.



TIME FOR AN
AUCTION!
ROUND UP THE
BIDDERS!!

STARTING
TOMORROW,
YOU WILL DINE
EXCLUSIVELY
ON ROAST
ROBIN!

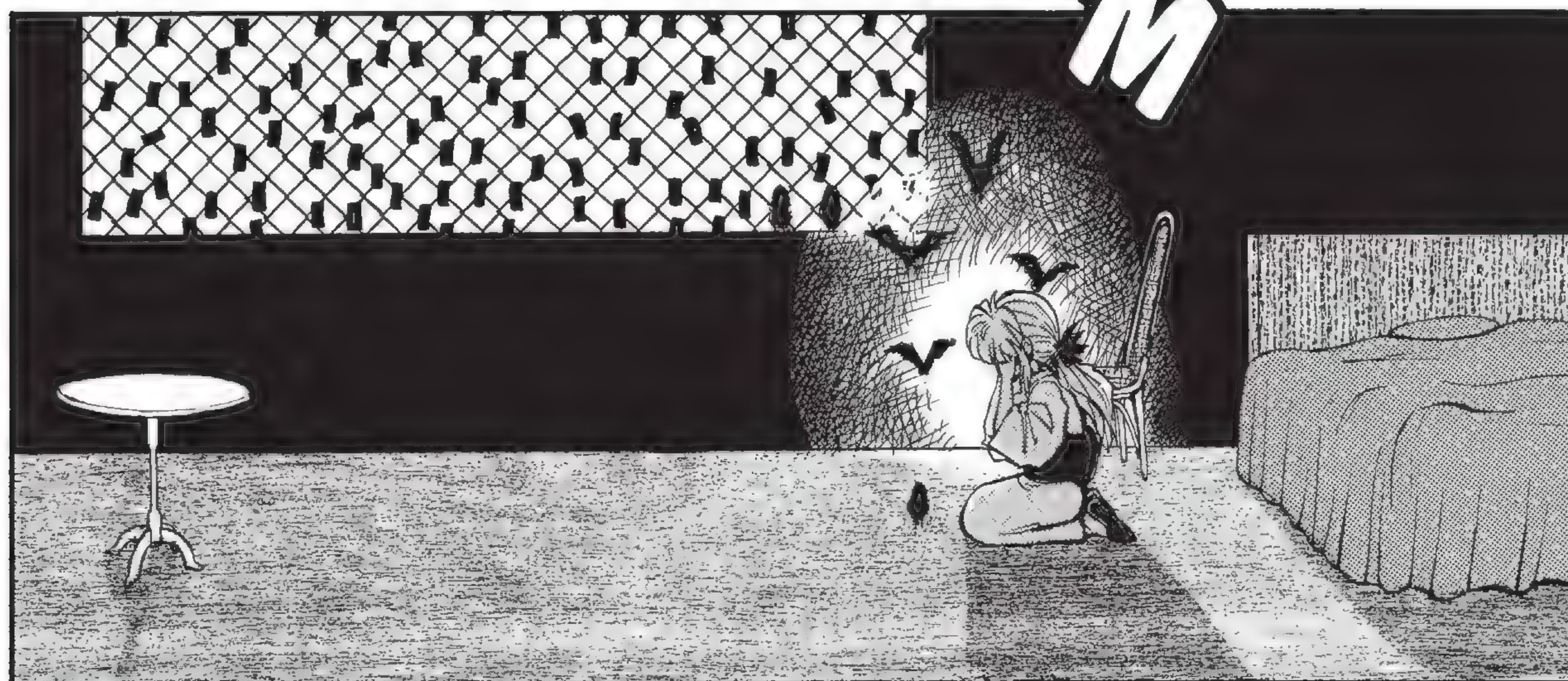


I'M RICH!
HEE HEE HEE!
THESE WILL NET
ME ANOTHER
BILLION, EASY!!



YOU'LL
BE FREE THEN--
FREE OF MY
BROTHER AND
ME, AT LEAST.

MY ADVICE,
LITTLE GIRL?
FORGET BEING
STUBBORN AND
LEARN TO CRY ON
DEMAND.



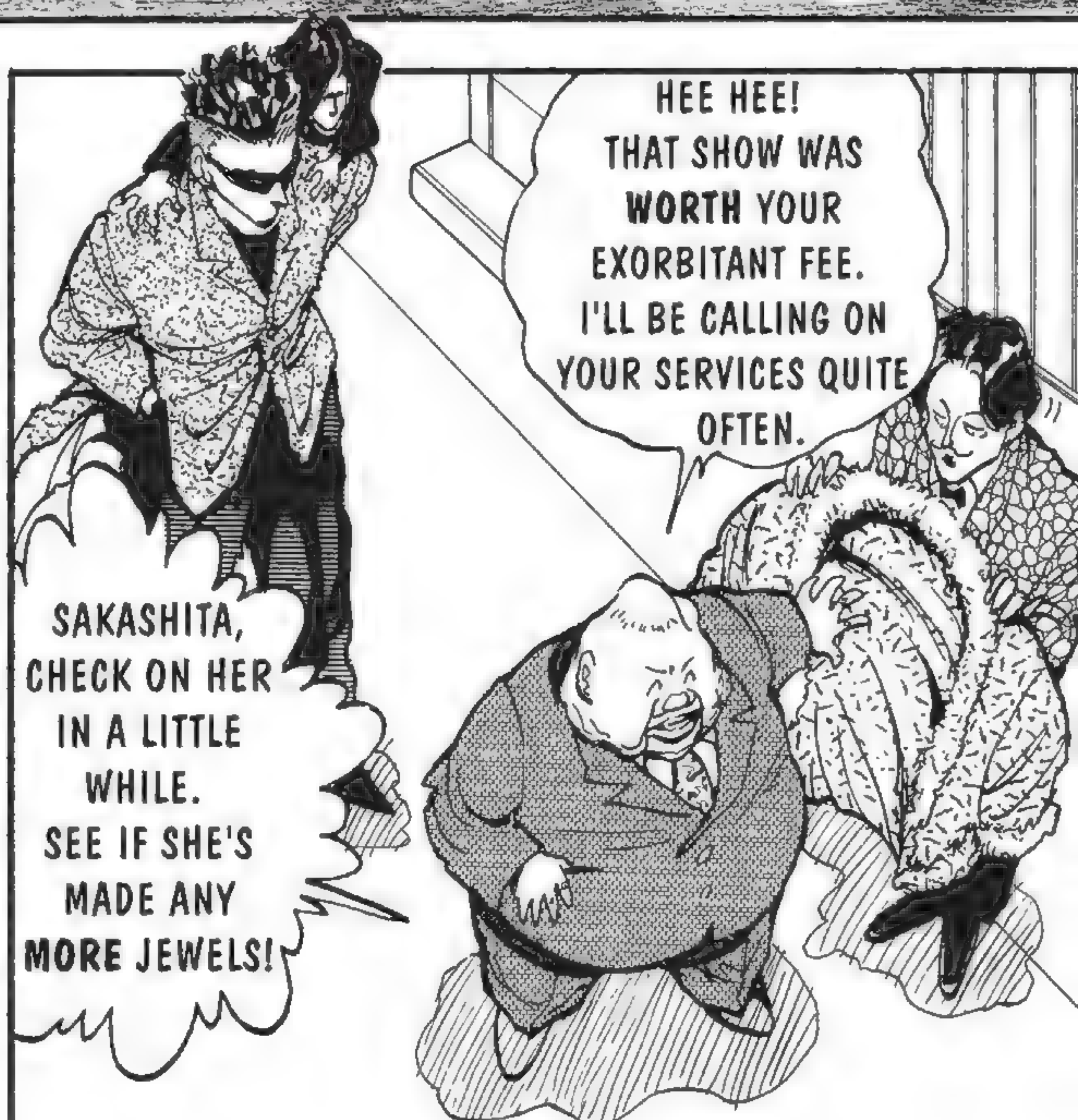
WHAT?!



HM?

ACTUALLY,
MASTER
TARU-
KANE...

PSST
PSST



HEE HEE!
THAT SHOW WAS
WORTH YOUR
EXORBITANT FEE.
I'LL BE CALLING ON
YOUR SERVICES QUITE
OFTEN.

SAKASHITA,
CHECK ON HER
IN A LITTLE
WHILE.
SEE IF SHE'S
MADE ANY
MORE JEWELS!



INTRUDERS?!

OOF.



THEY'LL
HAVE A BIT OF A
GAUNTLET TO RUN.
THE WHOLE
VILLAGE IS
PRACTICALLY MY
FORTRESS.

NO DOUBT SENT
BY ONE OF MY
COMPETITORS,
TO DISCOVER
THE SECRET OF
MY JEWELS.



THERE'S
PLENTY OF
COUNTRYSIDE
OUTSIDE THE CITY,
BUT ONLY THE RICH
GET TO ENJOY IT
MUCH.

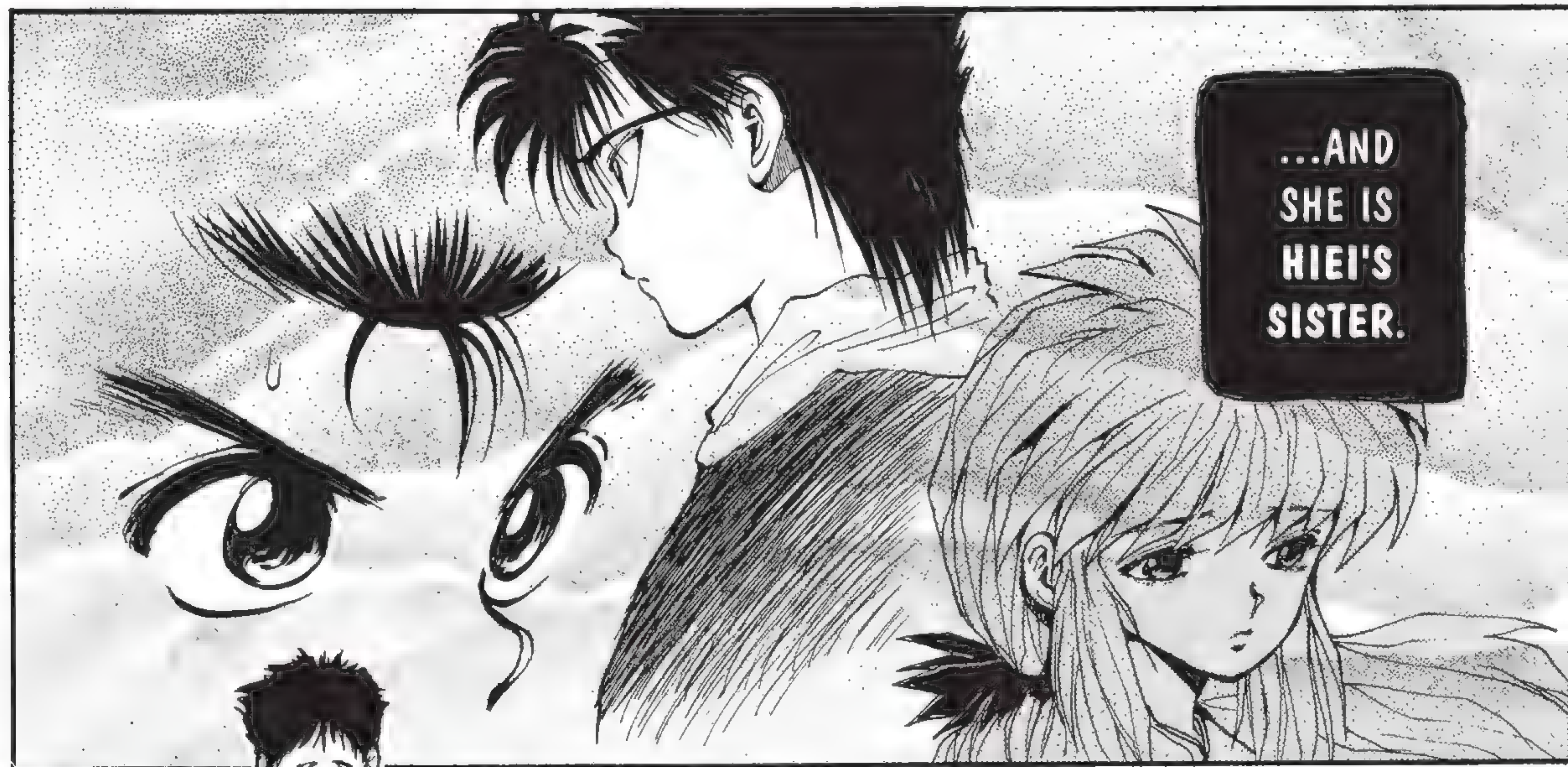
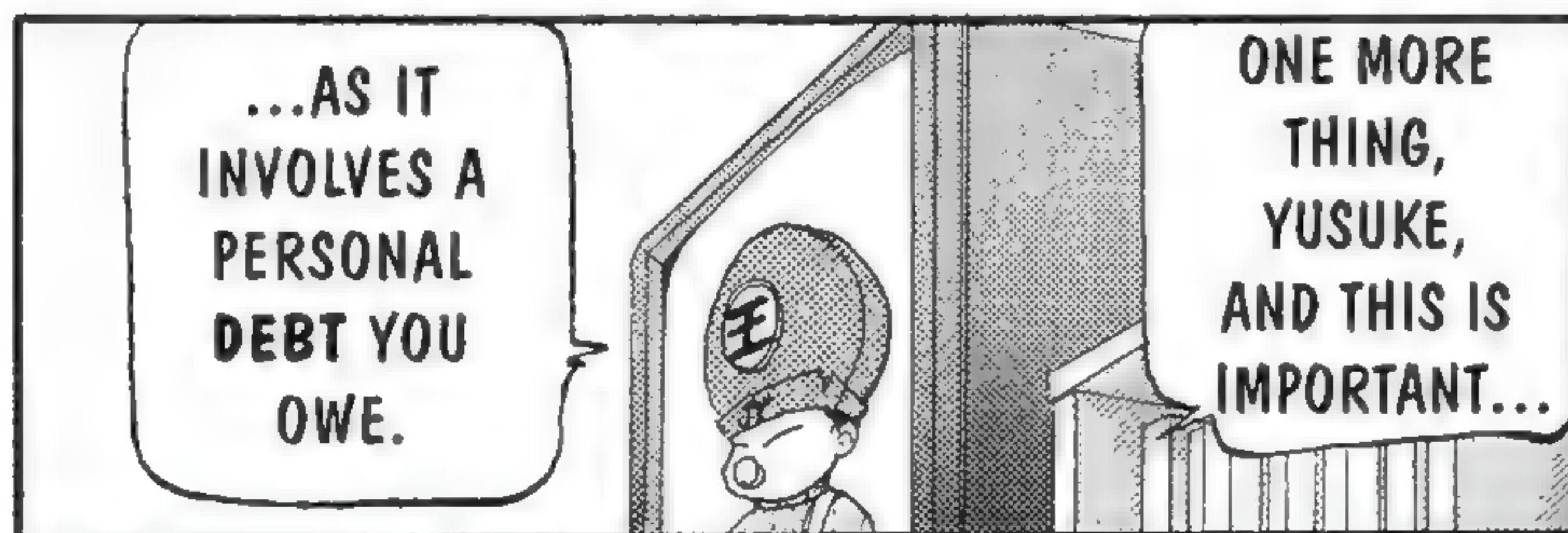
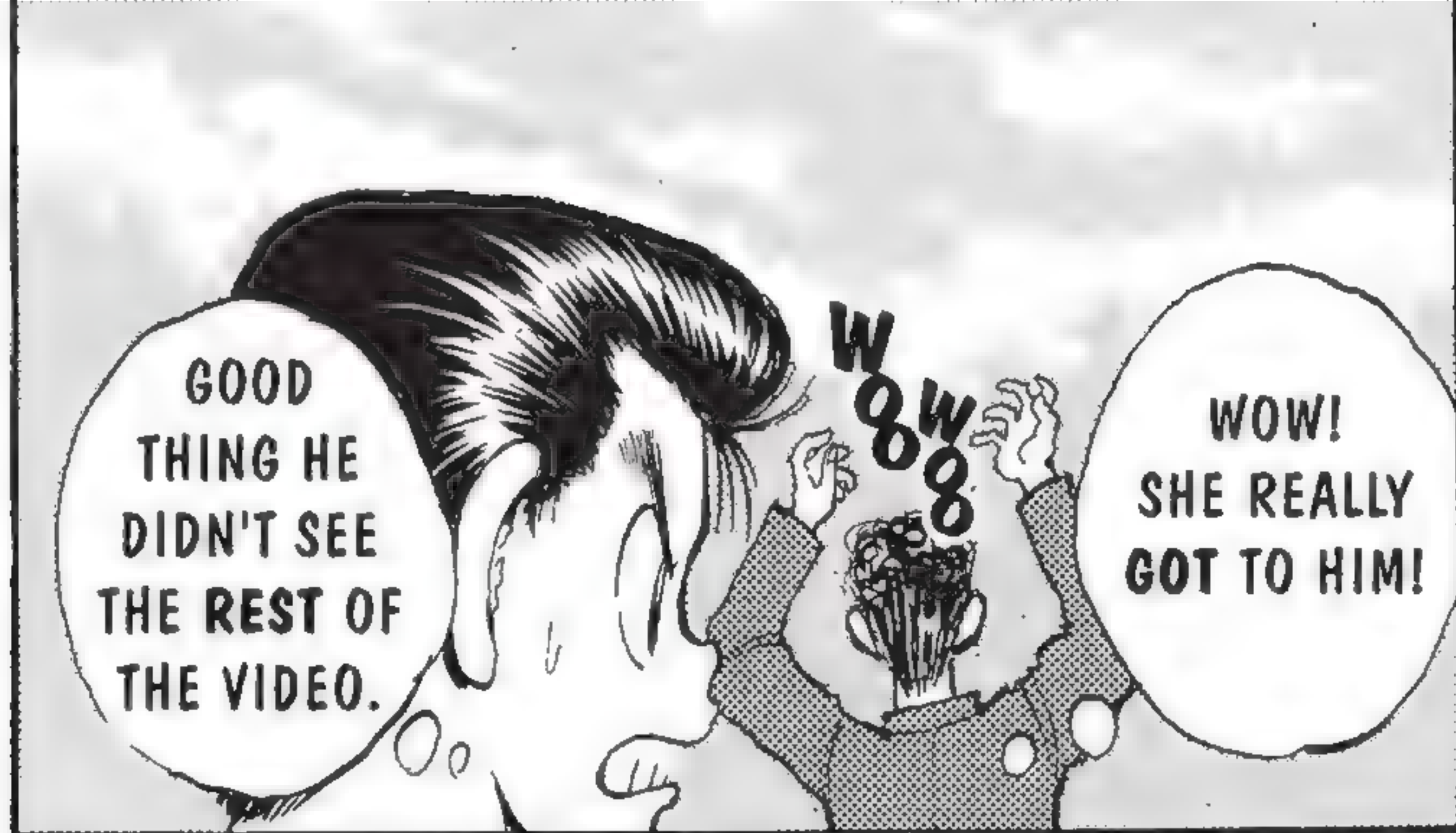
THESE TIRE
TRACKS OUGHT
TO LEAD US TO
THE MANSION.

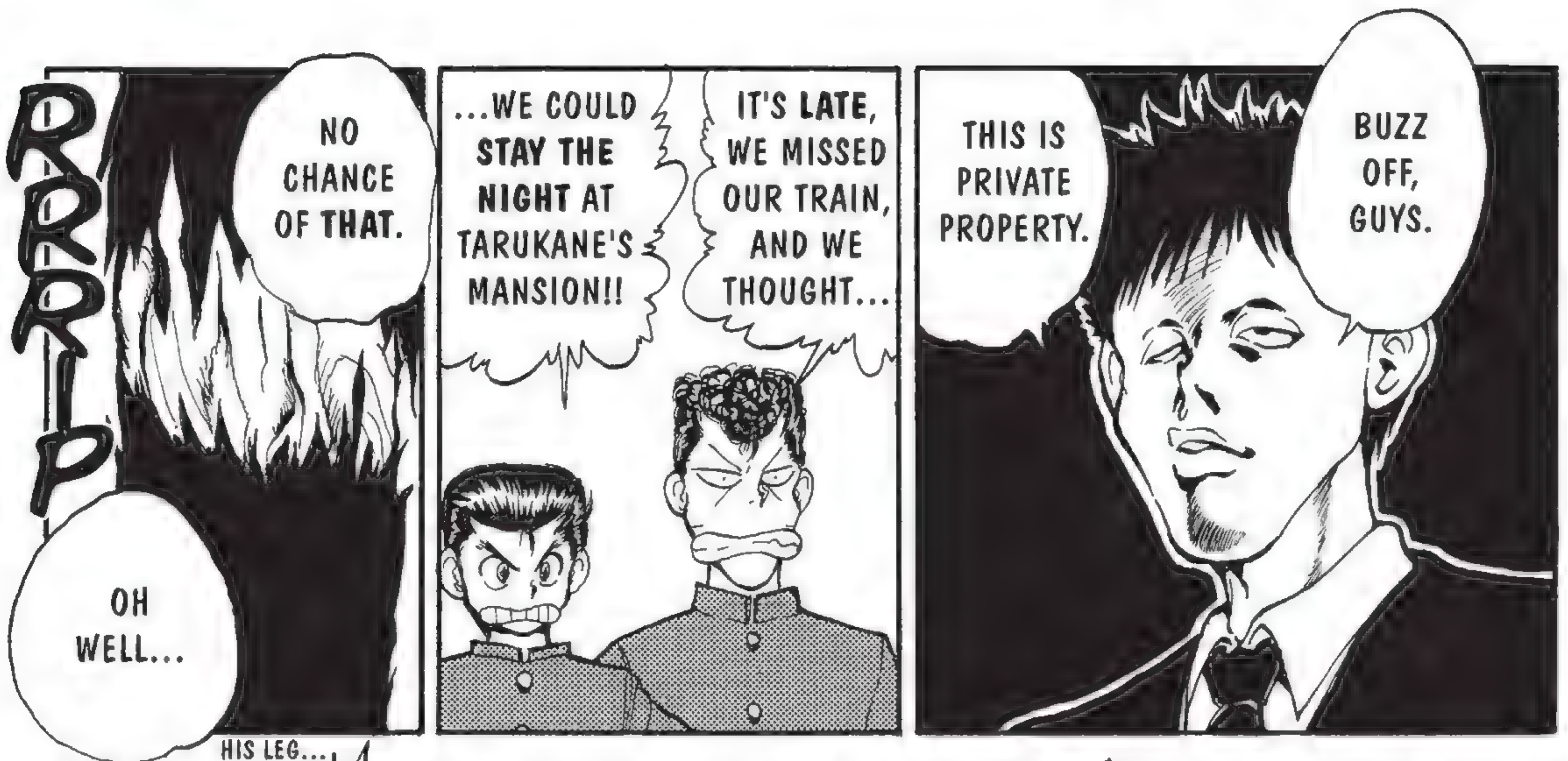
REALLY
SOMETHING,
REACHING
MOUNTAINS
AFTER ONLY AN
HOUR BY TRAIN
AND BUS.



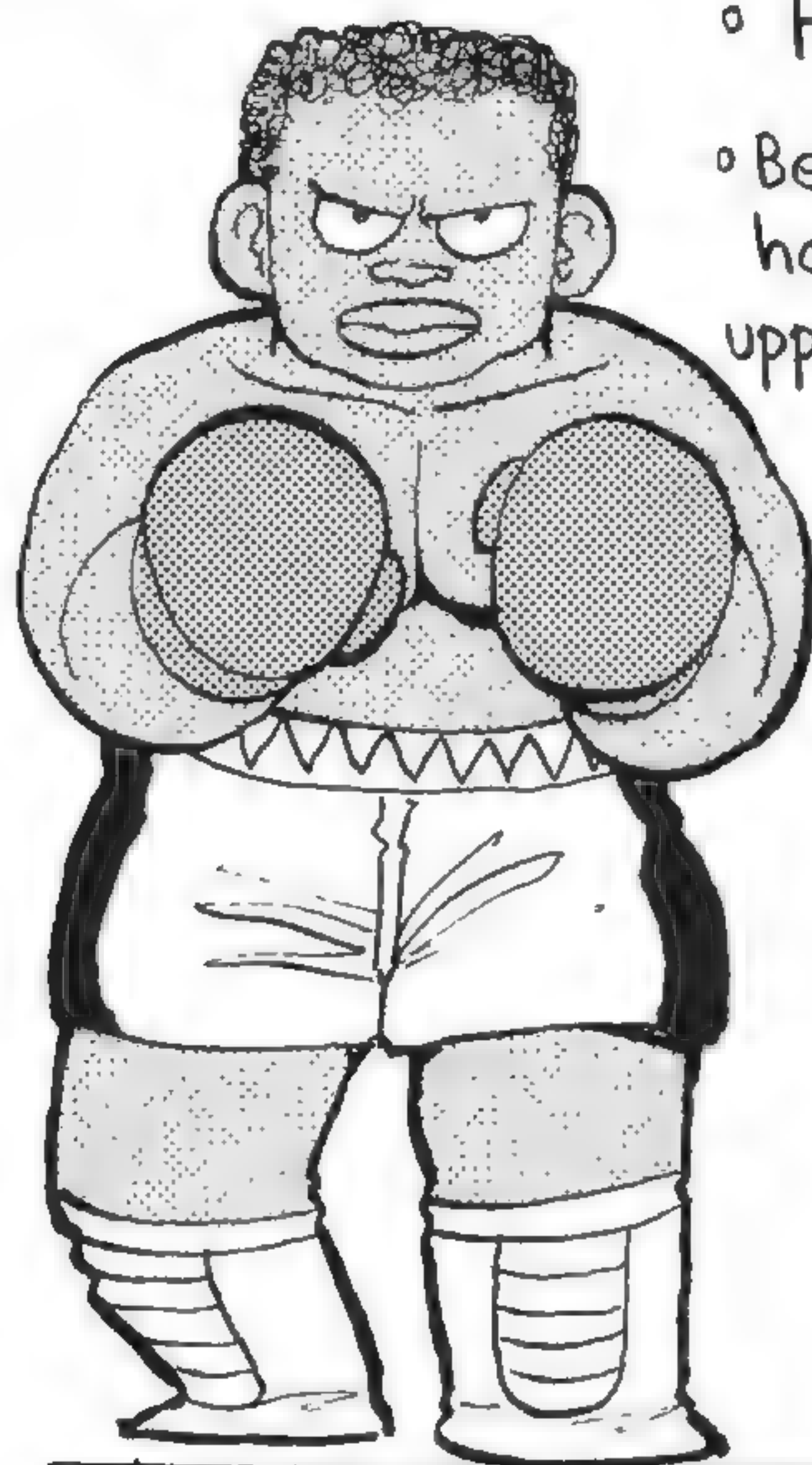
I ALREADY
HAVE MEN
PLACED ON
SECURITY
DUTY.

THEY
WON'T GET
ANYWHERE
NEAR
HERE...





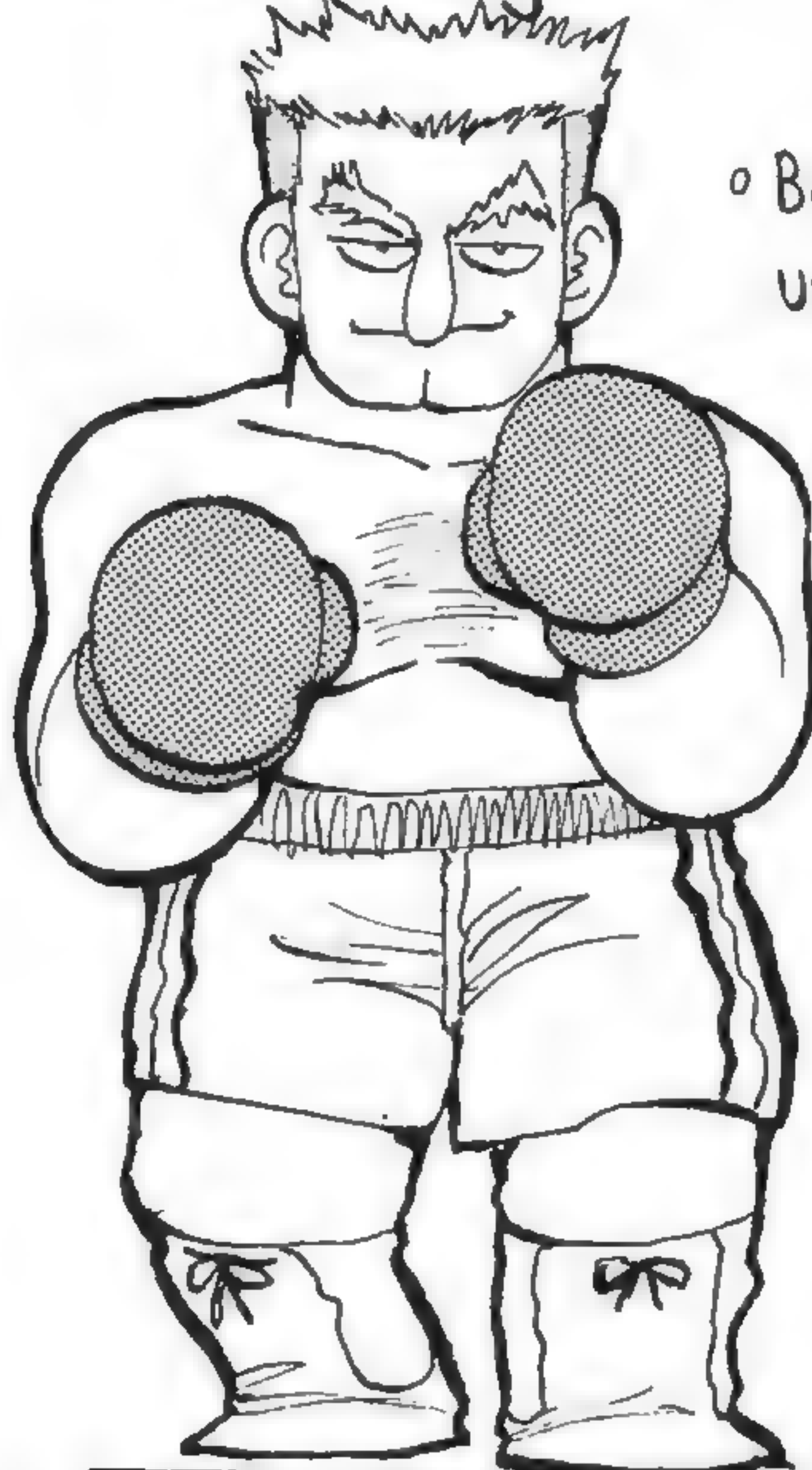
Black Joe



HP

- HP: 10
- Best Punch: hook (3P), uppercut (3P)
- KO Punch: Big Magnum (4P)

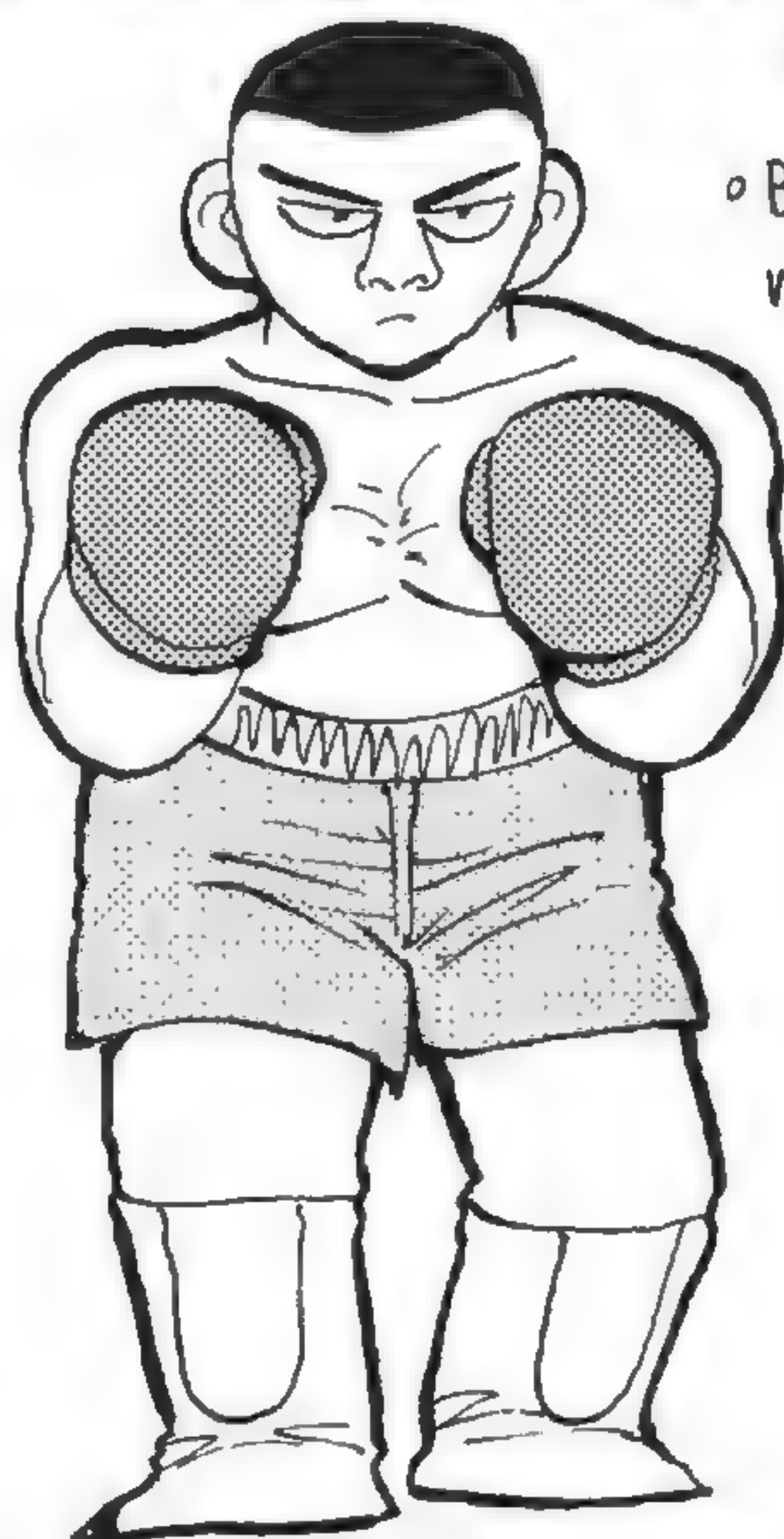
White Tiger



HP

- HP: 12
- Best Punch: uppercut (3P)
- KO Punch: Special Thunder (4P)

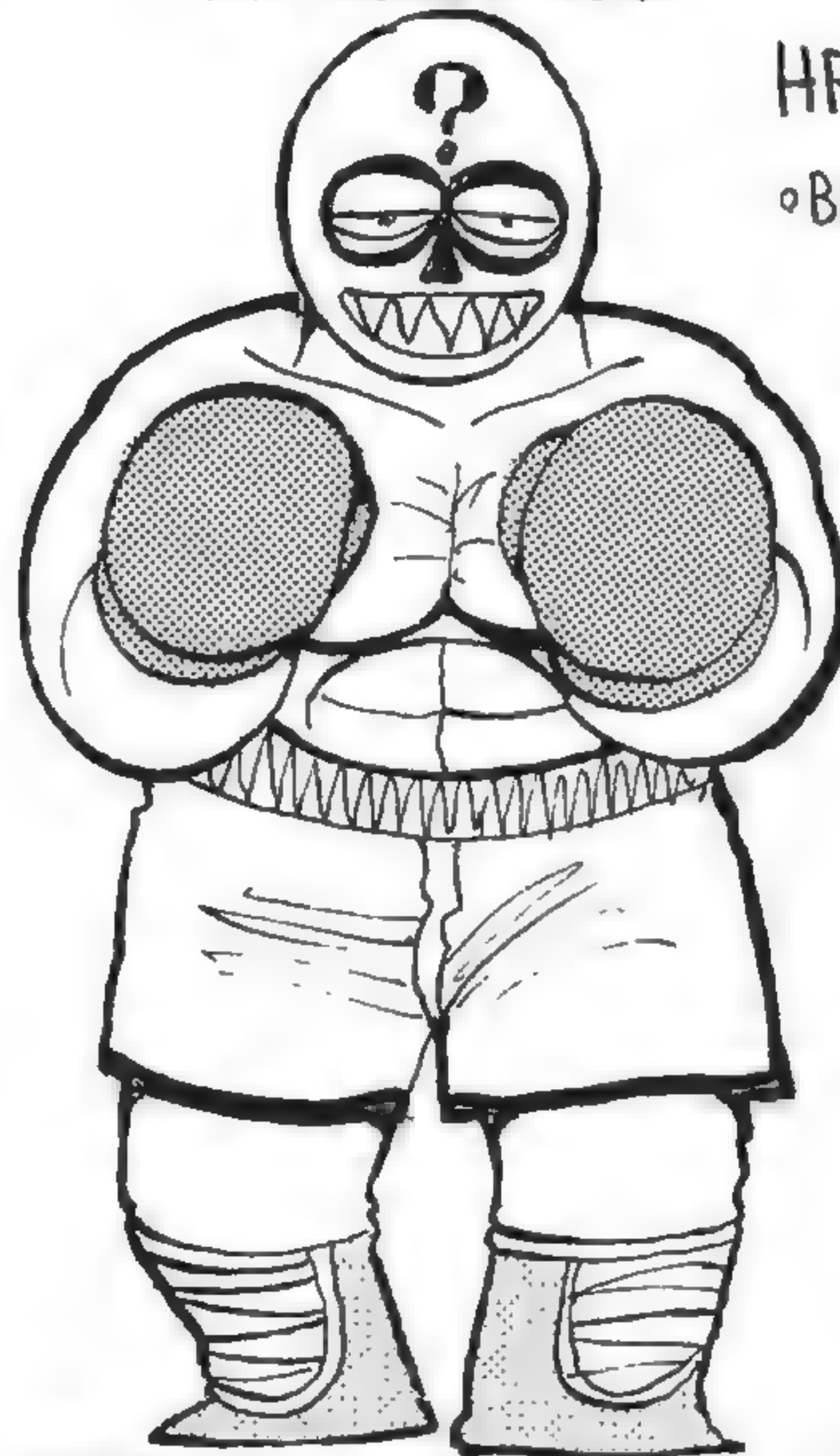
Kamikaze Sankichi



HP

- HP: 10
- Best Punch: none
- KO Punch: Kamikaze Shot (6P)

Mr. Question



HP

- HP: 15
- Best Punch: none
- KO Punch: Query Bomb (4P)

© With a pencil, blacken out the Hit Point boxes for the amount of damage that you receive. You'll be KO'ed once the bar gets full! Refer to p.68 for how to play.

THE BLACK BOOK CLUB!!



...YOU MAY
PONDER YOUR
FOLLY IN SETTING
FOOT ON THE
PROPERTY OF
GONZO TARU-
KANE.

ONCE I SEND
YOU TO THE
AFTERLIFE...



NO HUMAN
WHO SEES
ME LIKE THIS
LIVES TO
TELL OF IT!

DON'T
THINK OF
TURNING
BACK.



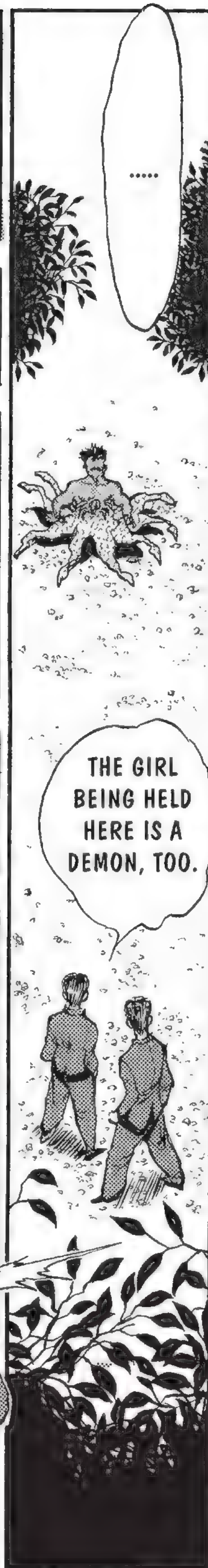
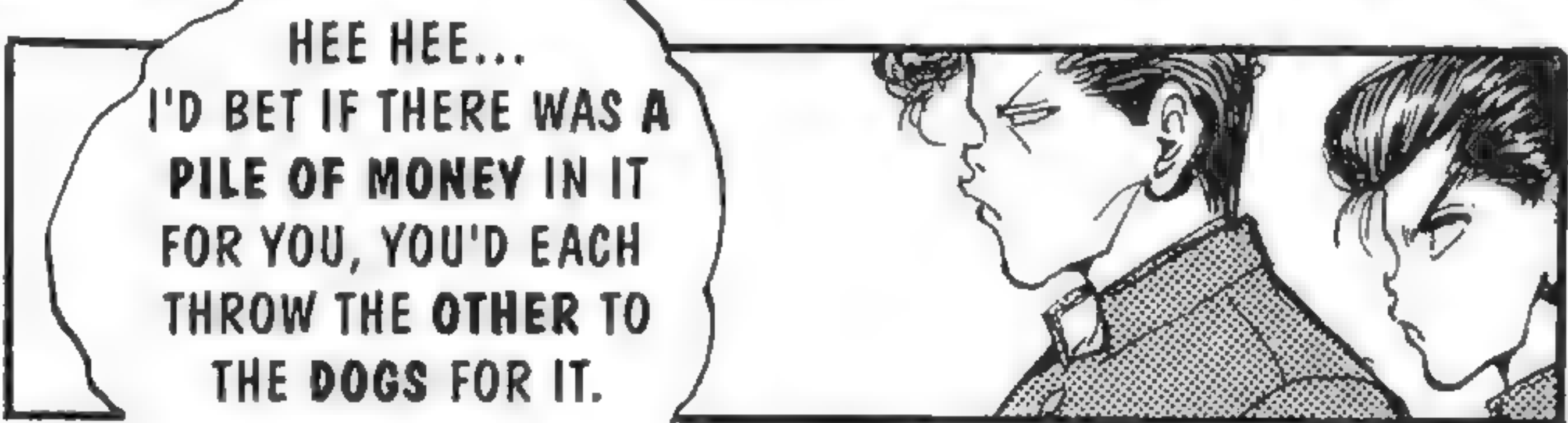
THAT'S
GROSS,
EVEN FOR
A DEMON!!



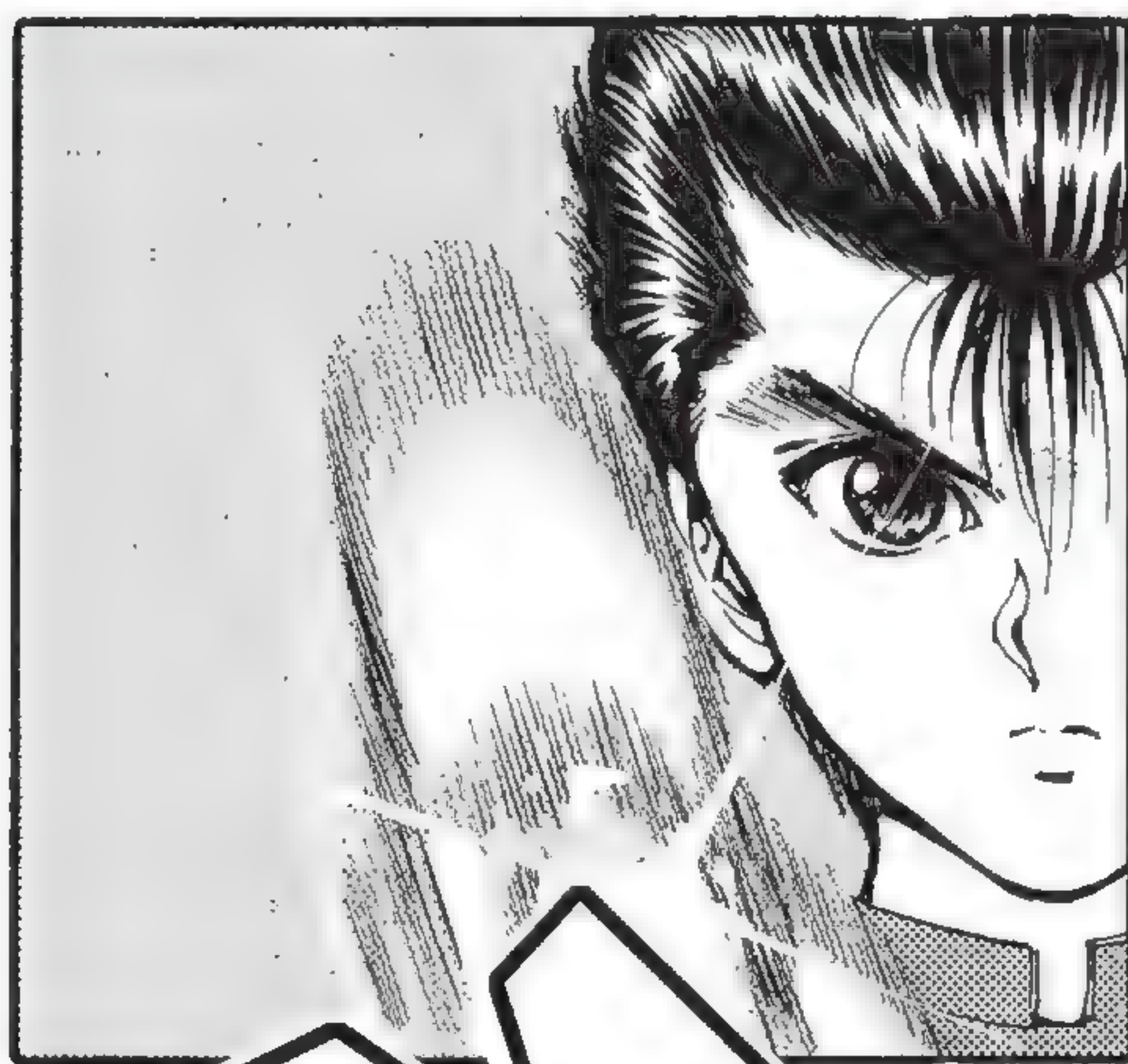
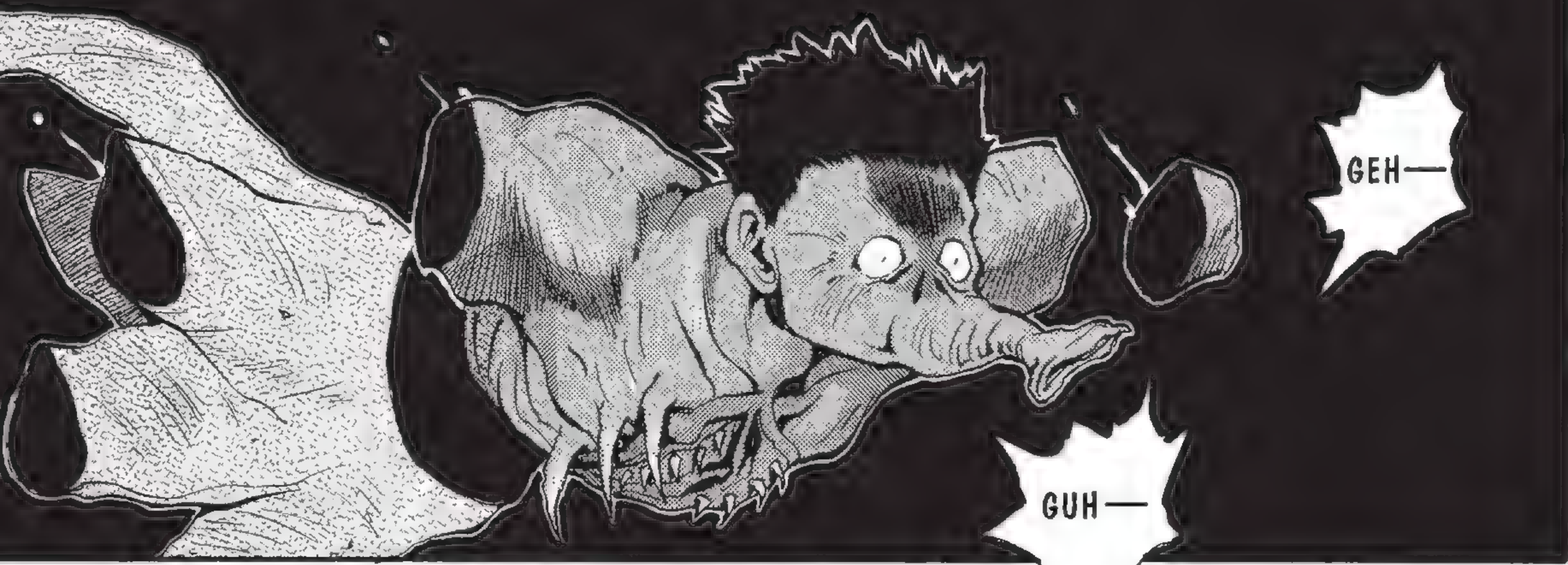
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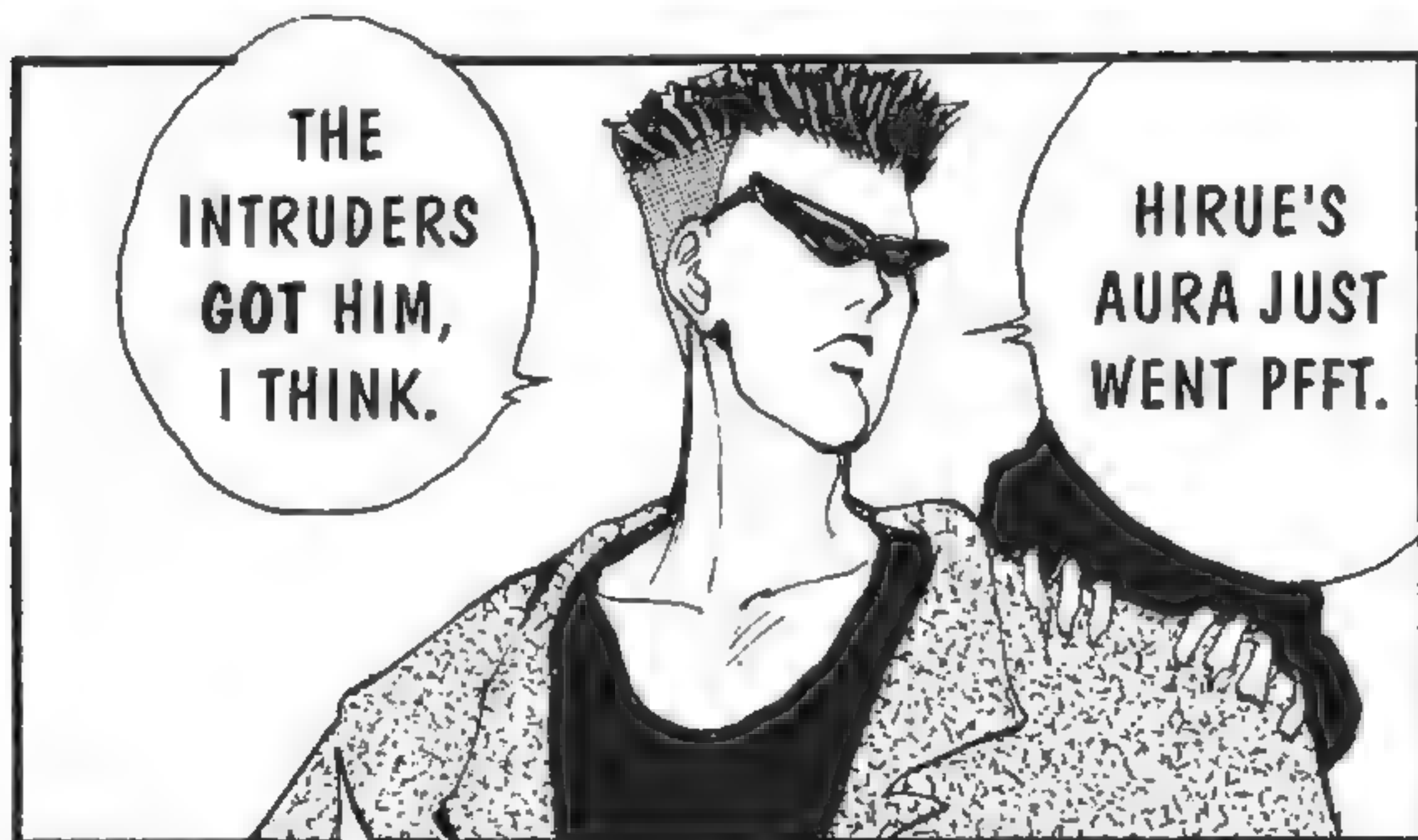
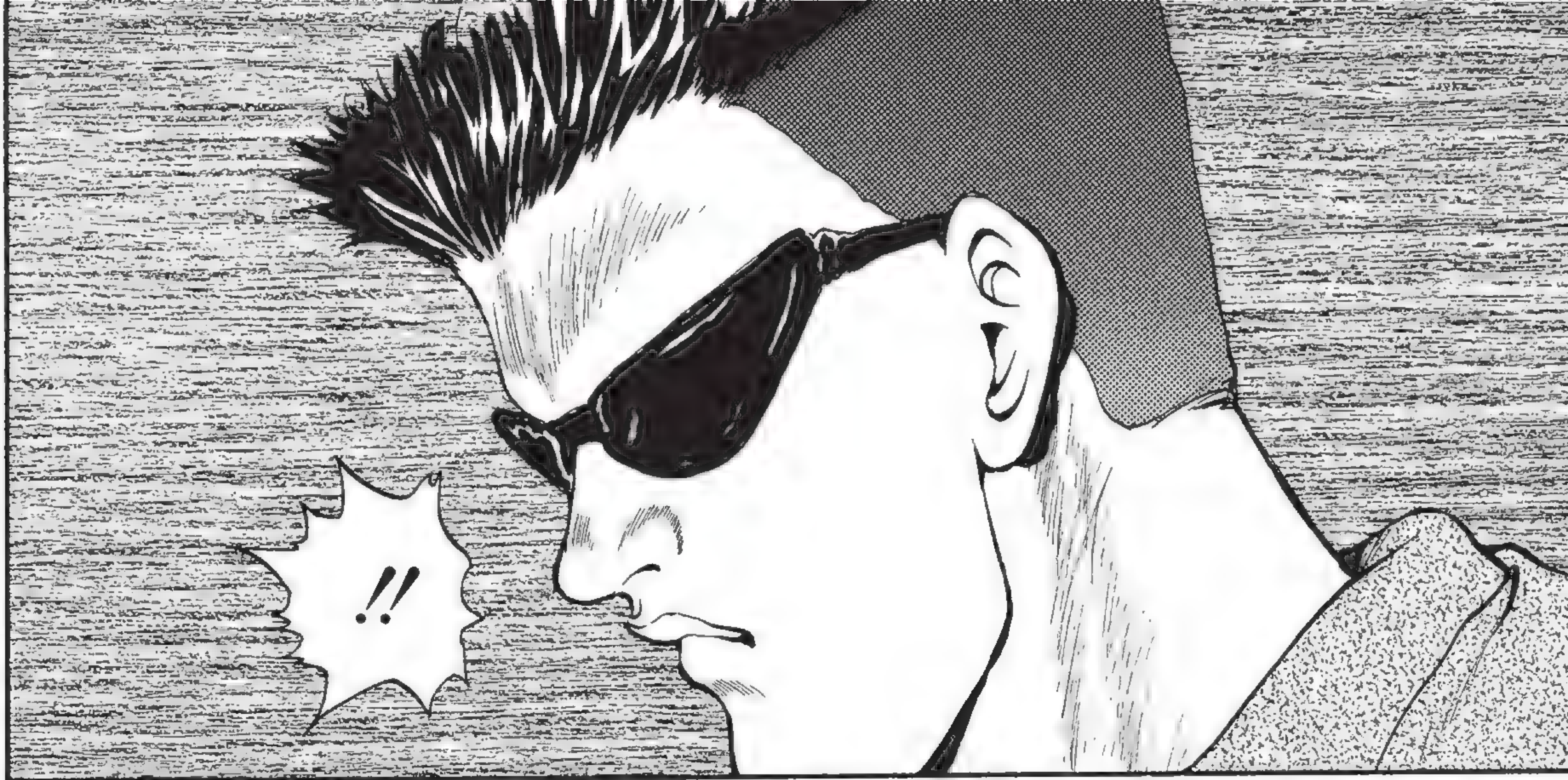
THE BLACK BOOK CLUB!!











THE
INTRUDERS
GOT HIM,
I THINK.

HIRUE'S
AURA JUST
WENT PFFT.



ARE YOUR
MEN THAT
WEAK?!

WHAT?!



SOMETHING
WRONG?

WHADDAYA
KNOW...



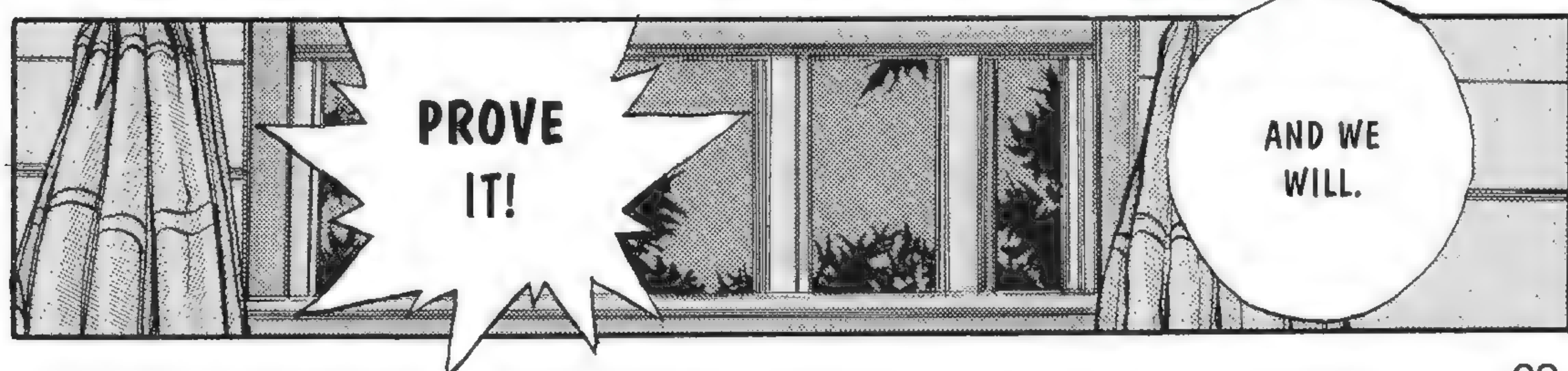
I'VE PAID
GOOD MONEY
FOR YOU TO DO
JUST THAT —
NO LESS!!

YOU TOLD
ME YOU
COULD
HANDLE
ANYTHING!



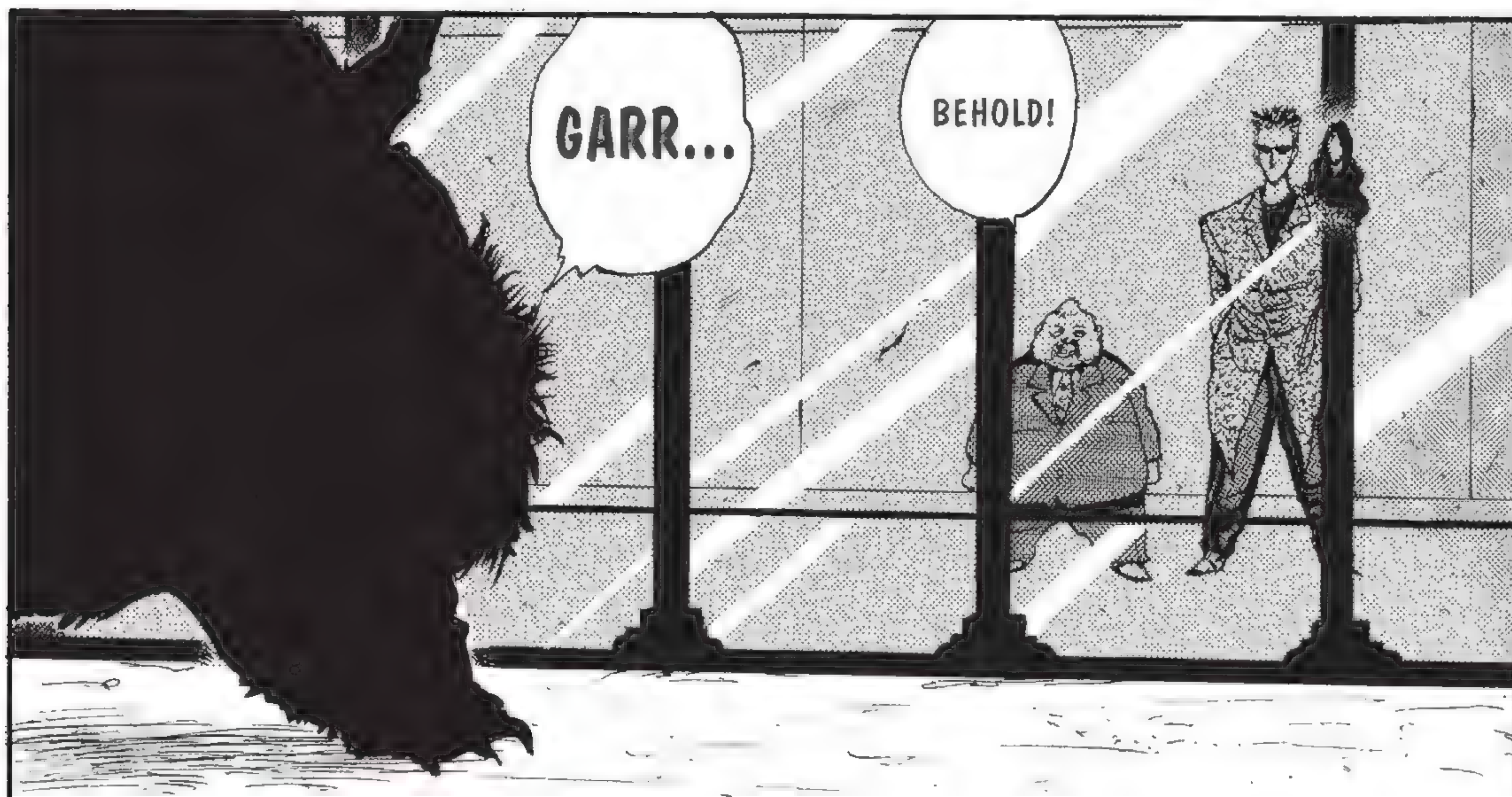
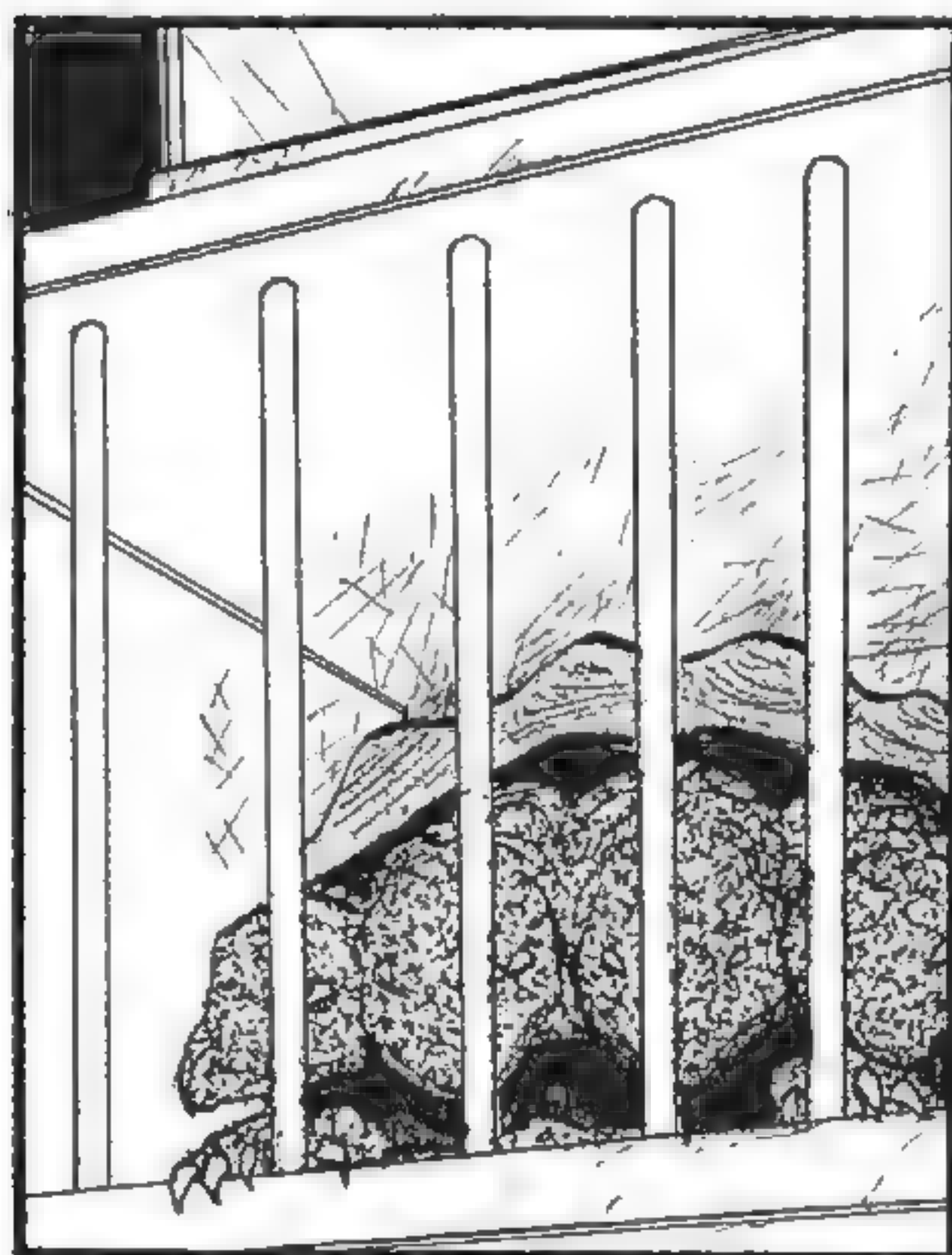
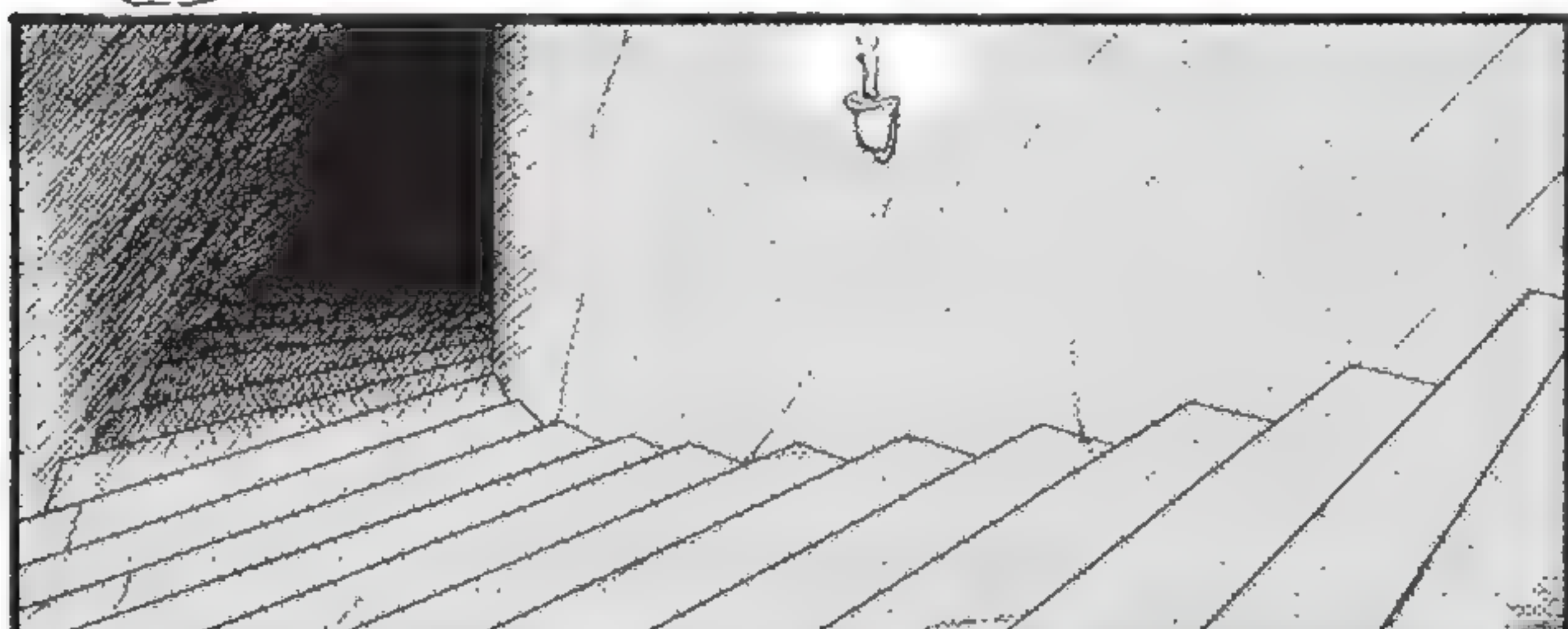
NO.
THIS TELLS ME
WE AREN'T
DEALING
WITH...

...JUST ANY
RATS OFF
THE STREET.



PROVE
IT!

AND WE
WILL.





PROVIDING SECURITY IS ONE THING, BUT I BET HE'S NOT PREPARED TO STEP INTO THAT CAGE. THIS SHOULD IMPROVE MY BARGAINING POSITION.



THINK YOU CAN TACKLE HER?



H-HEY!!

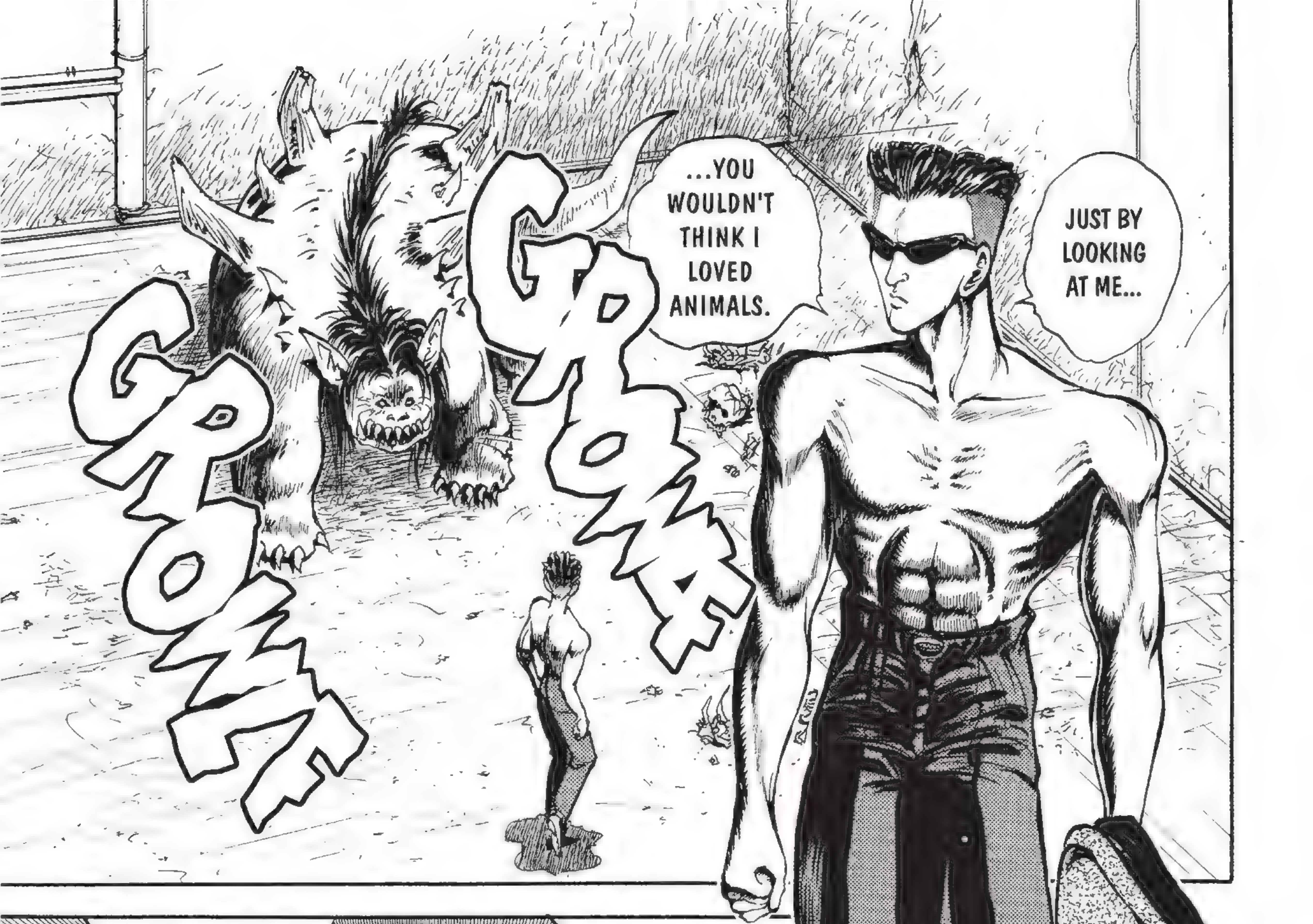
?!

I SEE A 20% DIS-COUNT!

HEH HEH!! HE'S BALKING.

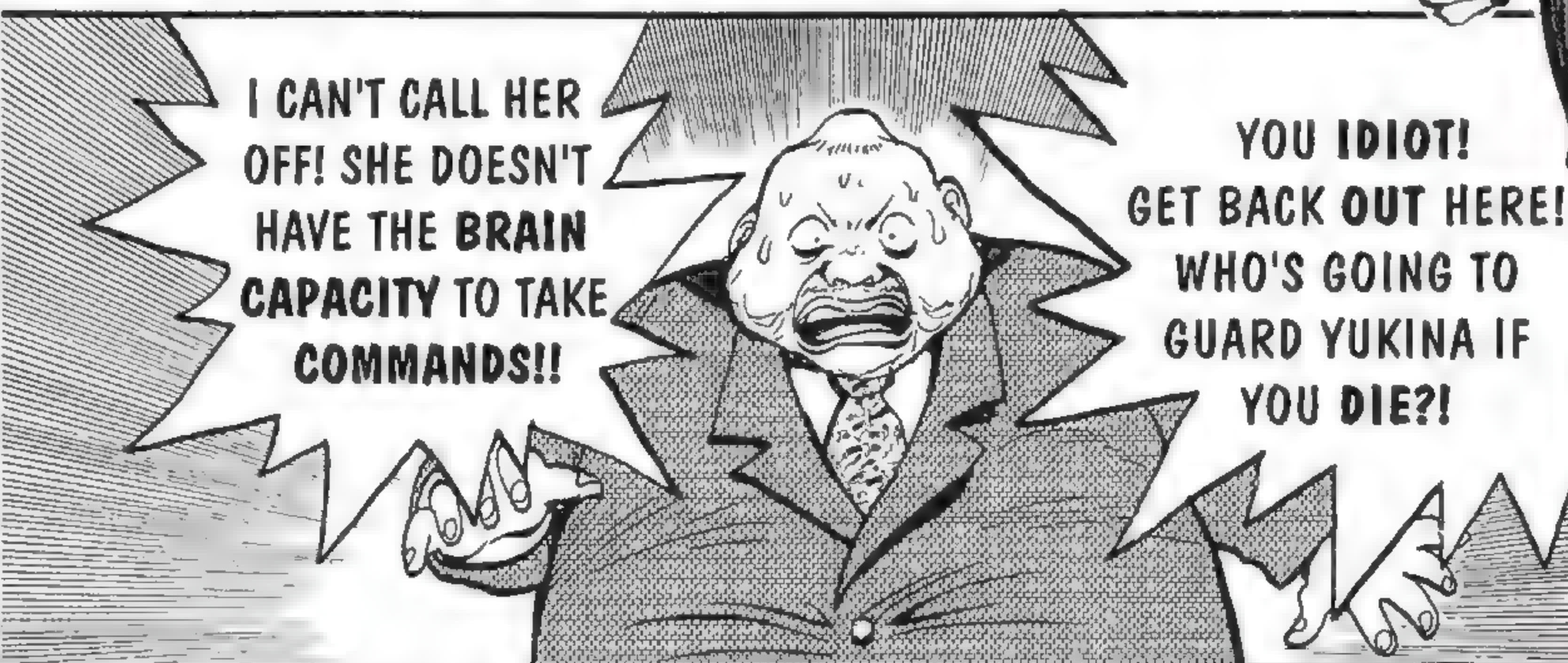
I'D RATHER NOT.

THE ELDER TOGURO WILL SIT THIS ONE OUT.



...YOU
WOULDN'T
THINK I
LOVED
ANIMALS.

JUST BY
LOOKING
AT ME...



I CAN'T CALL HER
OFF! SHE DOESN'T
HAVE THE BRAIN
CAPACITY TO TAKE
COMMANDS!!

YOU IDIOT!
GET BACK OUT HERE!
WHO'S GOING TO
GUARD YUKINA IF
YOU DIE?!



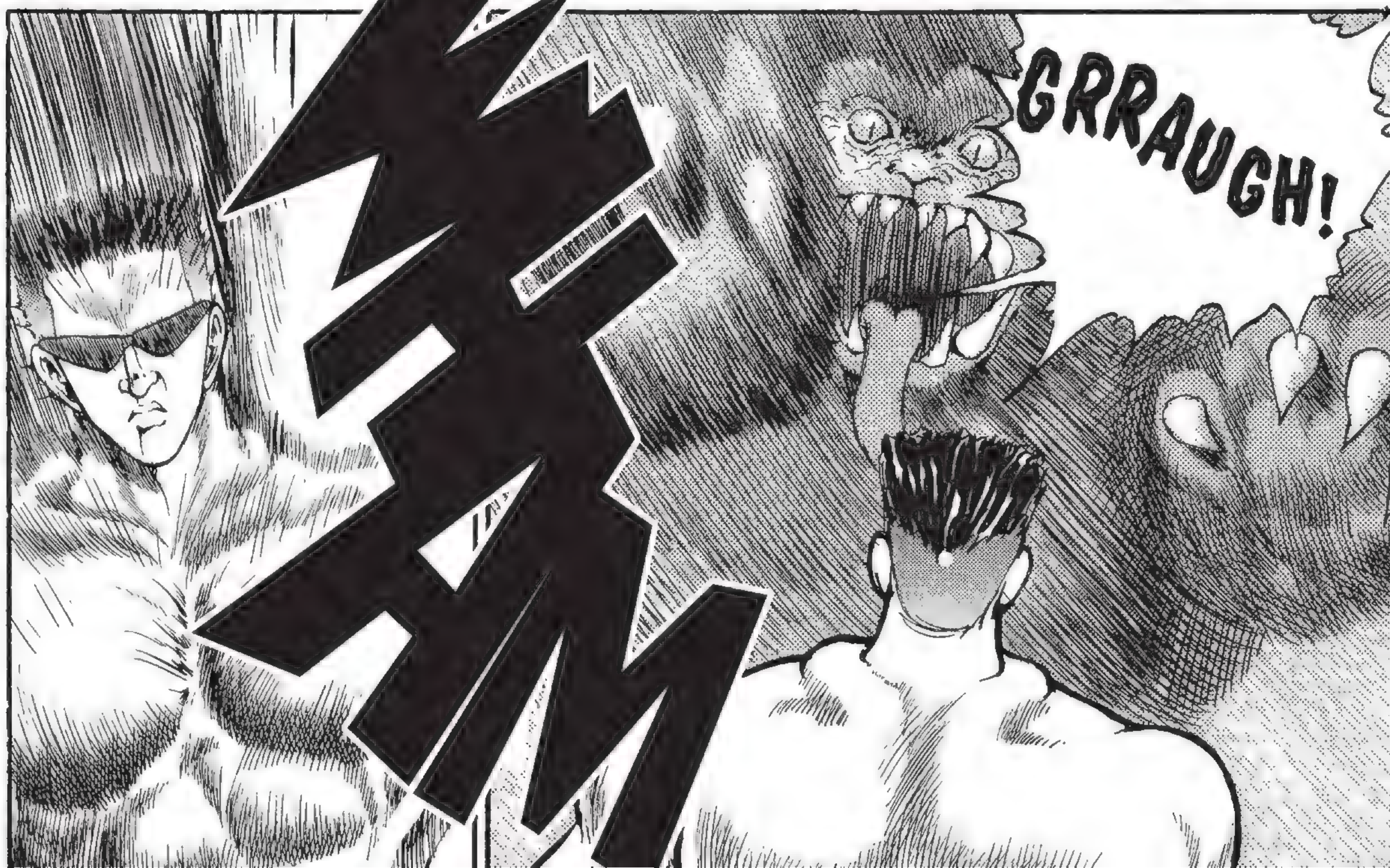
30%
SHOULD BE
ENOUGH...

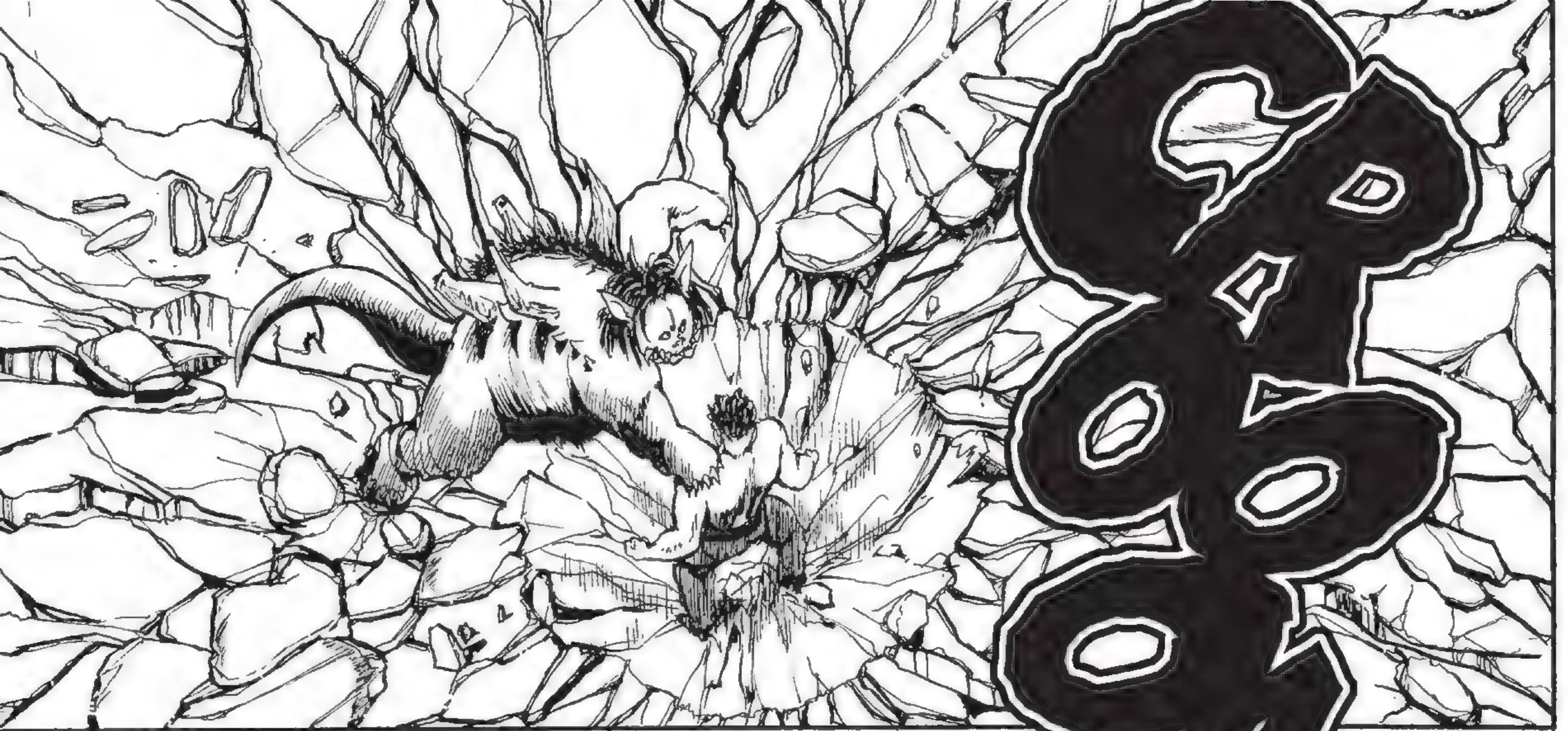
...TO BEAT
THIS POOR
BEAST.

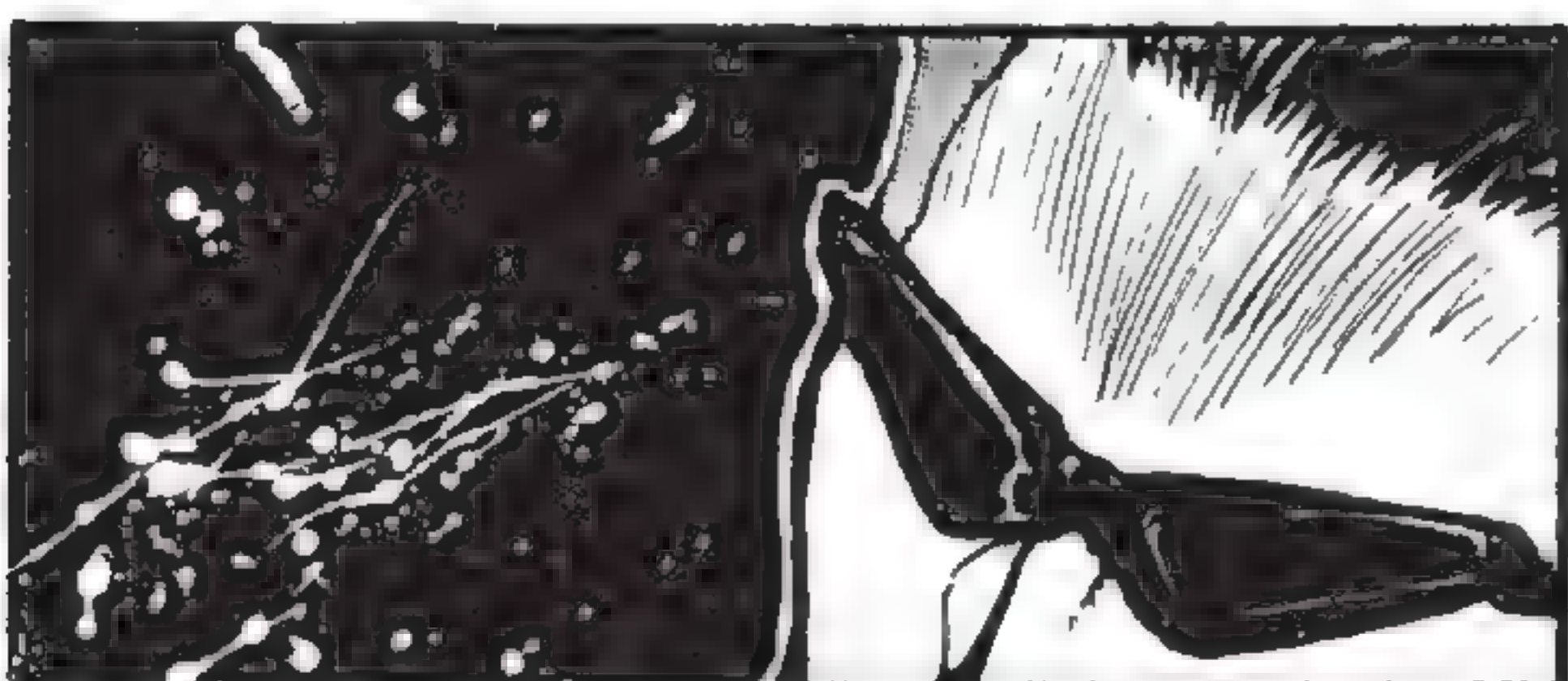


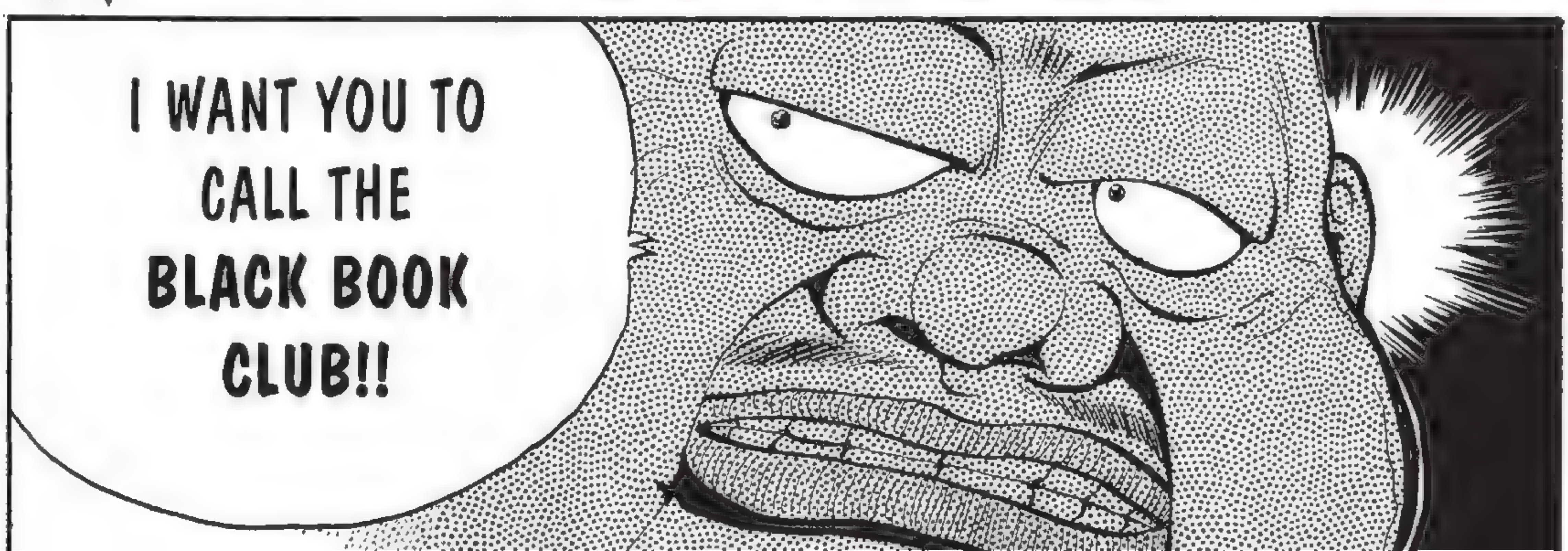
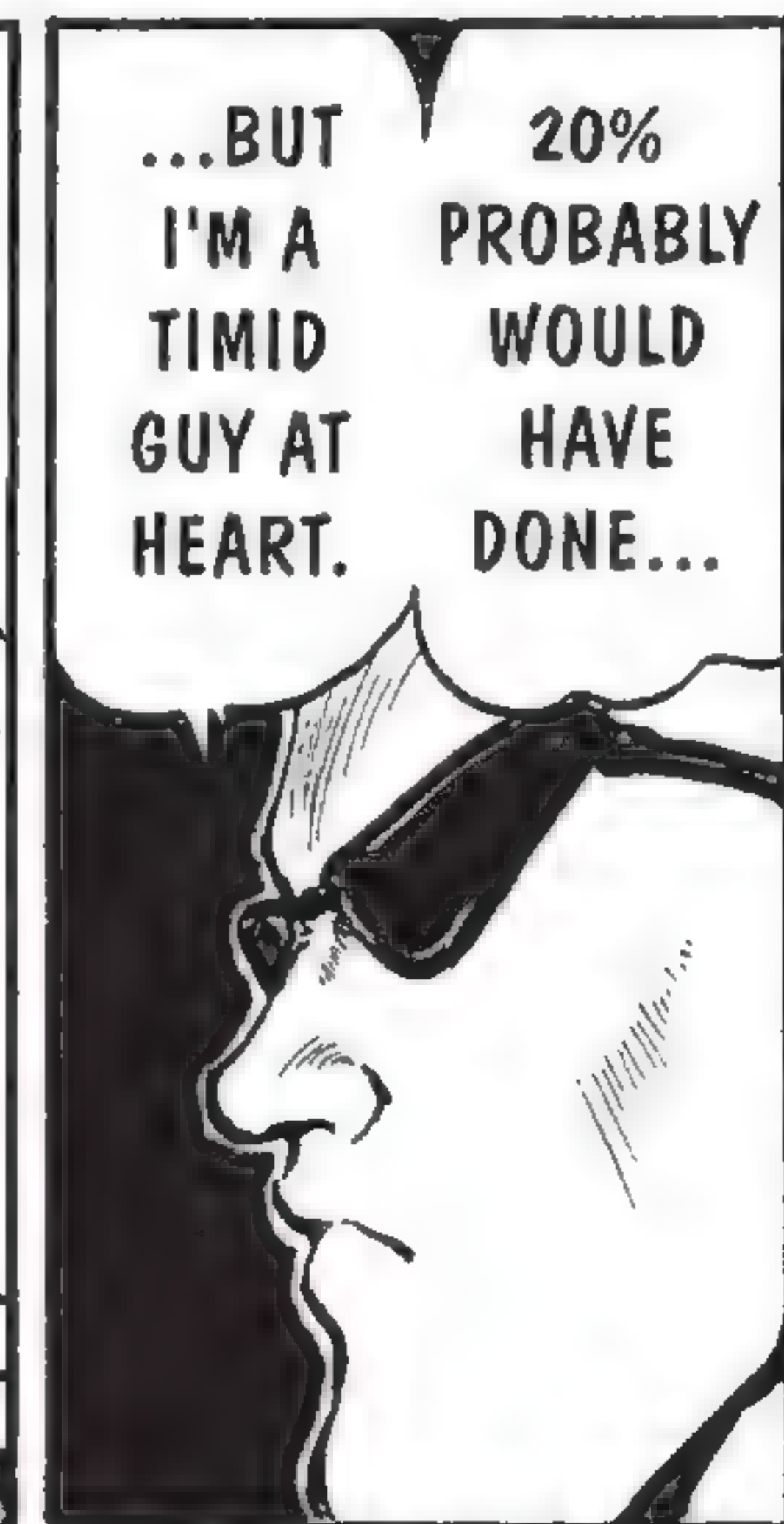
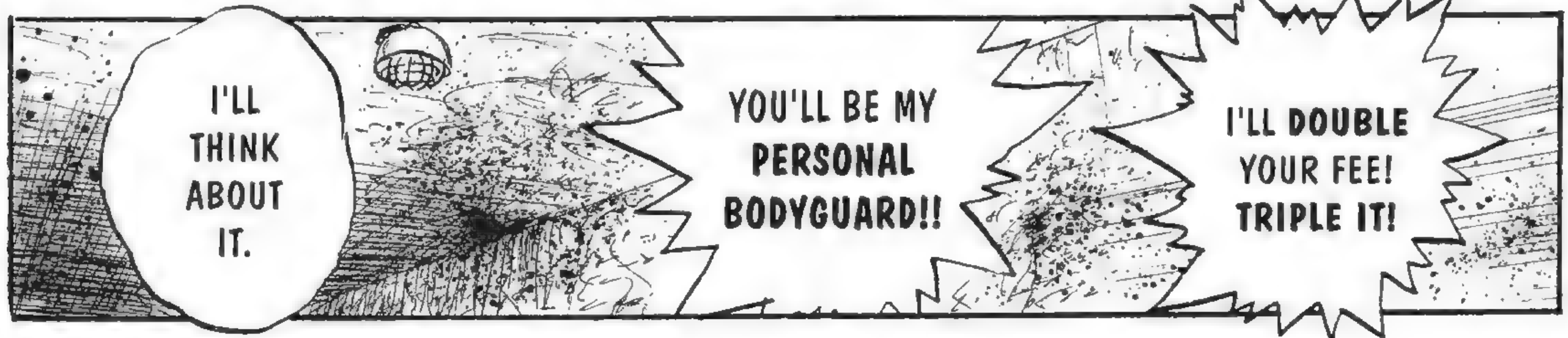
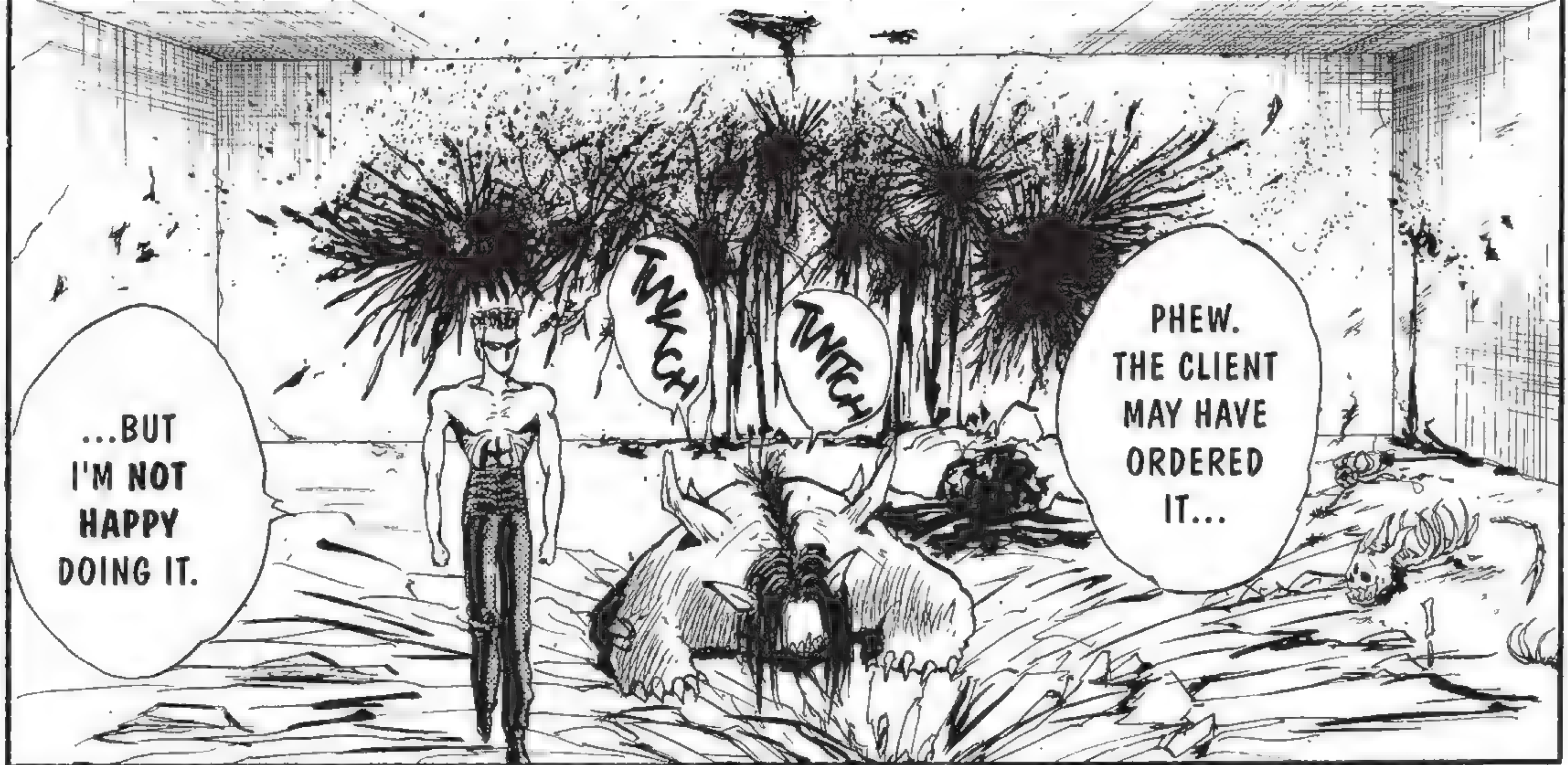
MM...
TOO
BAD.

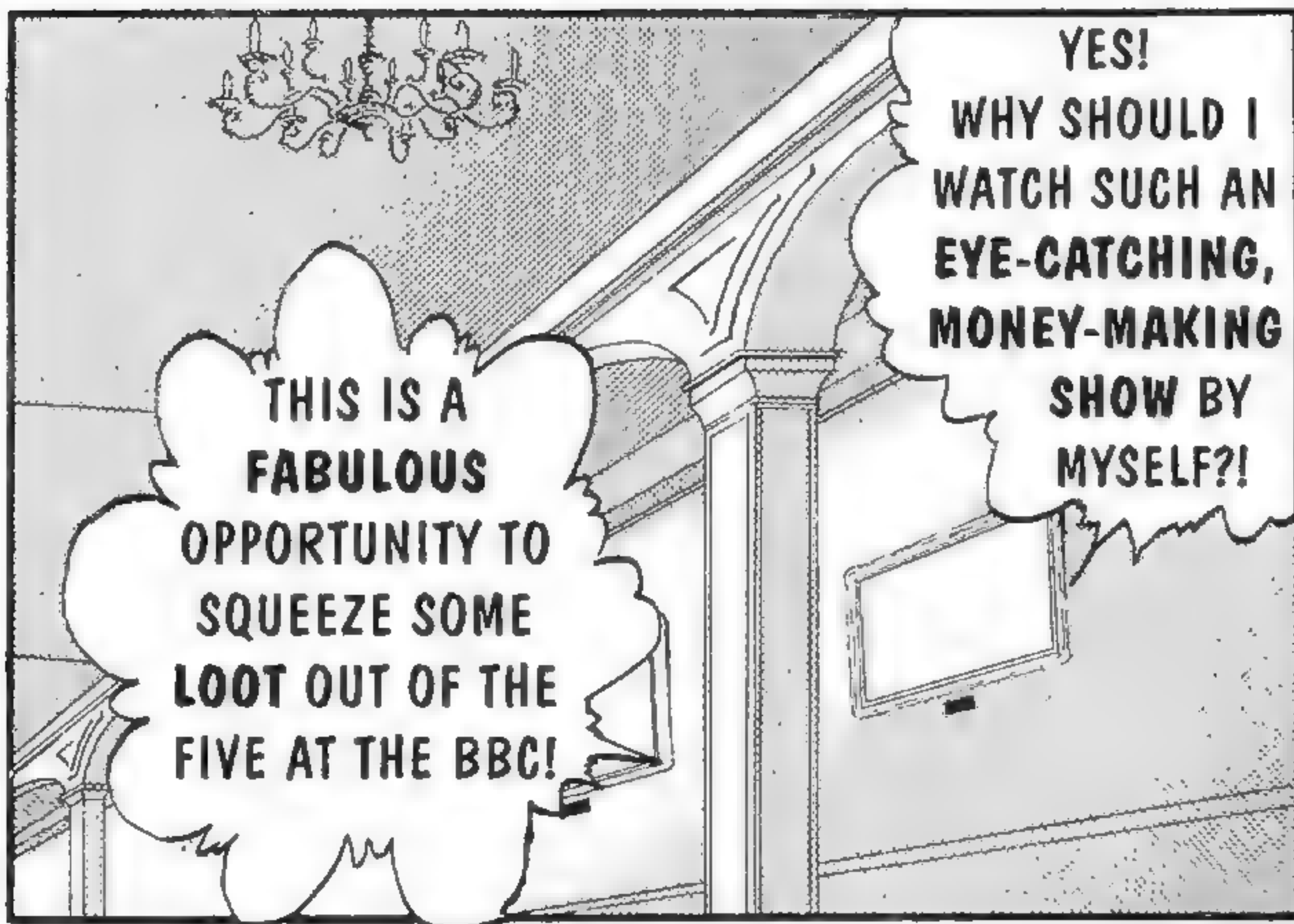












THIS IS A
FABULOUS
OPPORTUNITY TO
SQUEEZE SOME
LOOT OUT OF THE
FIVE AT THE BBC!

YES!
WHY SHOULD I
WATCH SUCH AN
EYE-CATCHING,
MONEY-MAKING
SHOW BY
MYSELF?!



YOU WISH TO
MAKE THINGS
MORE...
INTERESTING.

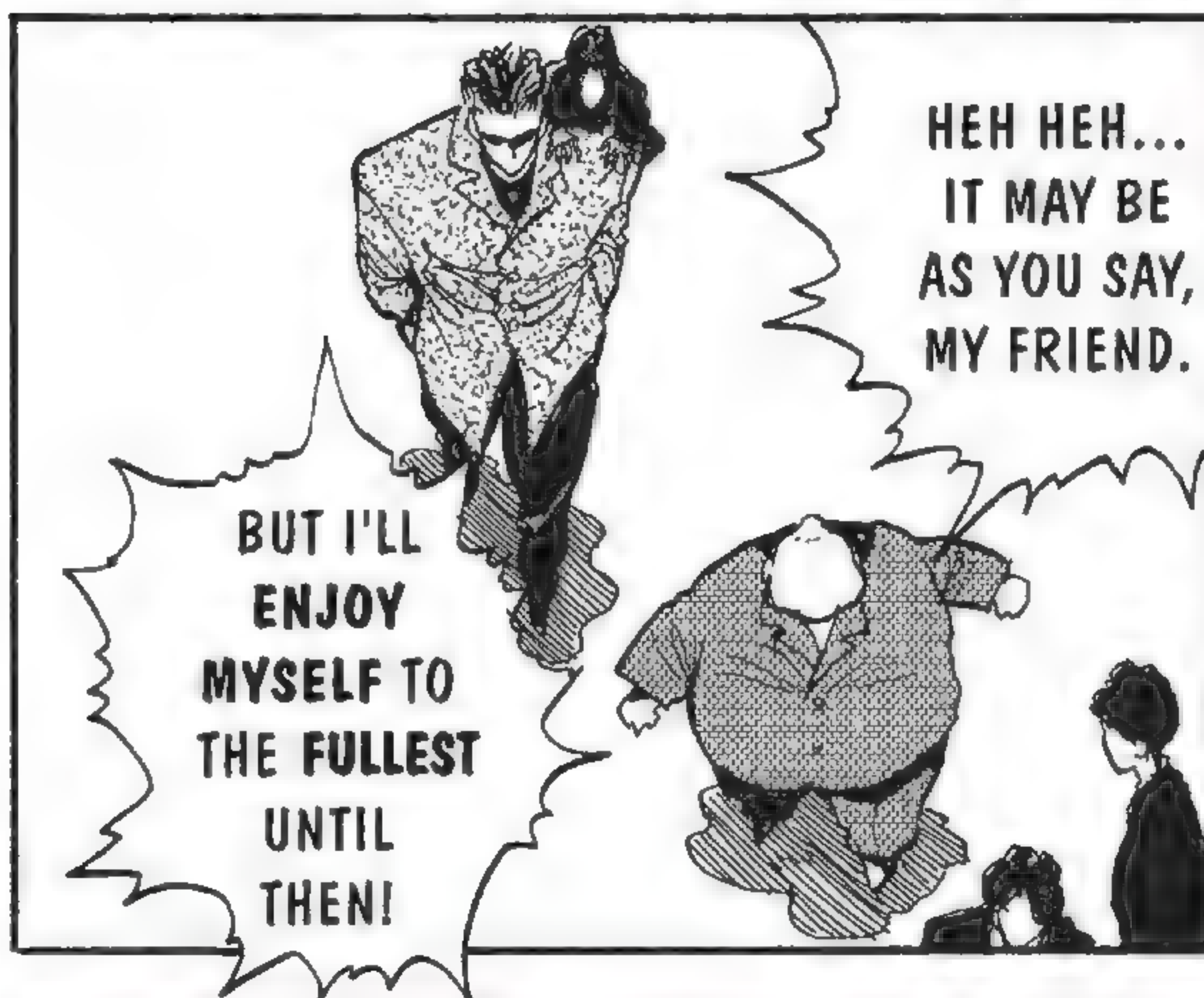
HEH...



HEE HEE...
YUKINA'S TEARS OF ICE
ARE NOT JUST ENCHANTED
JEWELS, BUT VERITABLE
MONEY MAGNETS!!

I'LL RAKE IN MORE
BILLIONS IF I
MANIPULATE THE ODDS,
AND WITH THE PAY-PER-
VIEW REVENUE...

PINKY FINGER, NOT THUMB

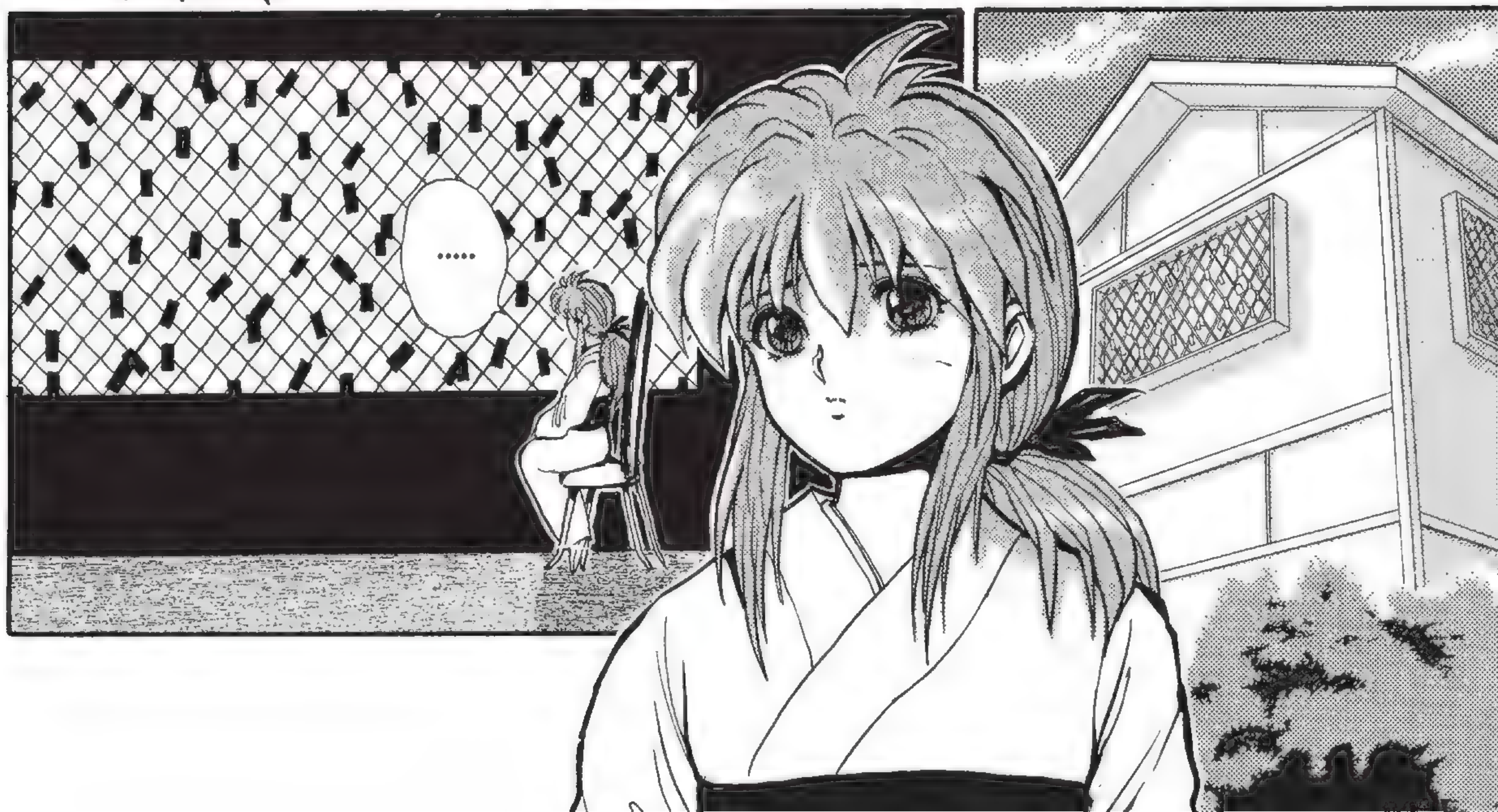


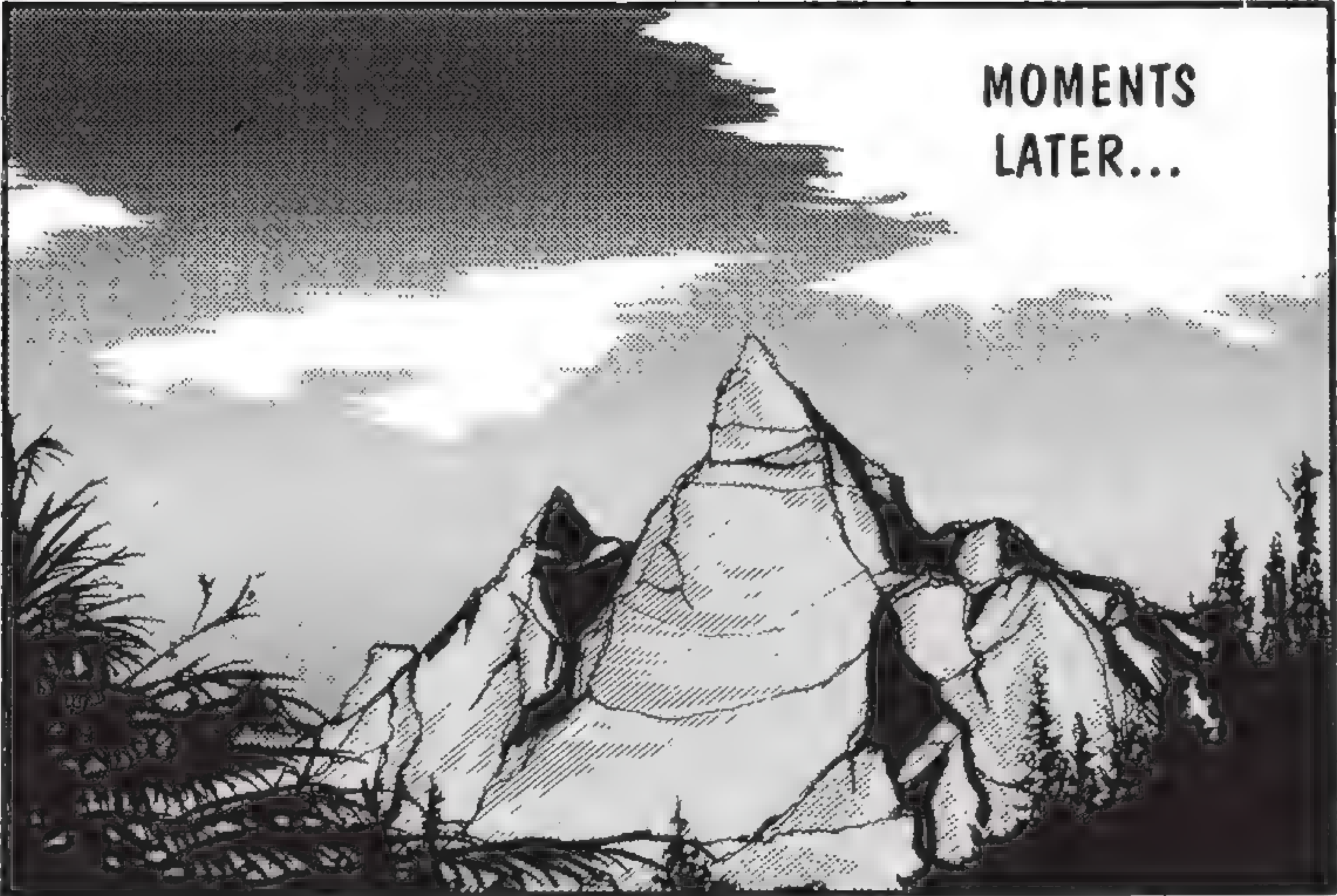
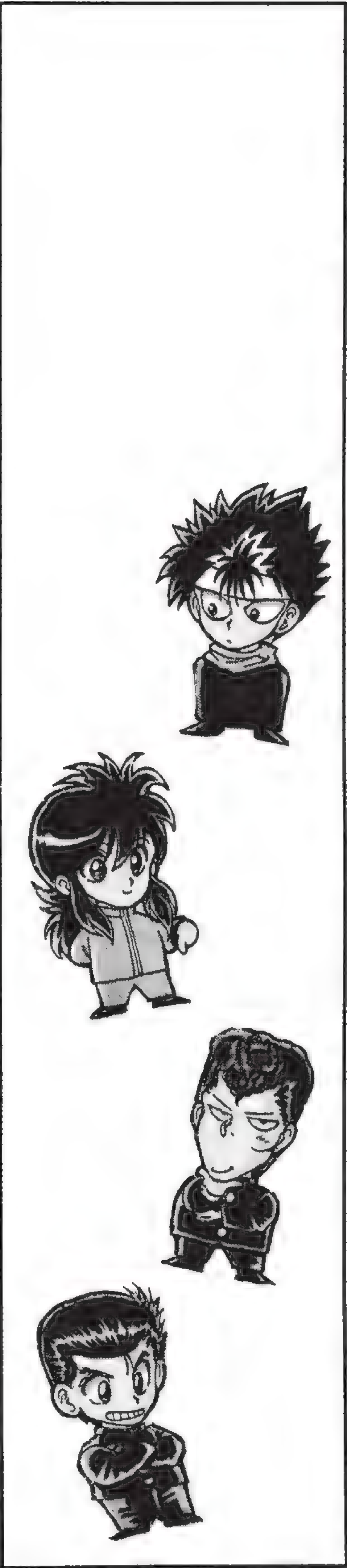
BUT I'LL
ENJOY
MYSELF TO
THE FULLEST
UNTIL
THEN!

HEH HEH...
IT MAY BE
AS YOU SAY,
MY FRIEND.

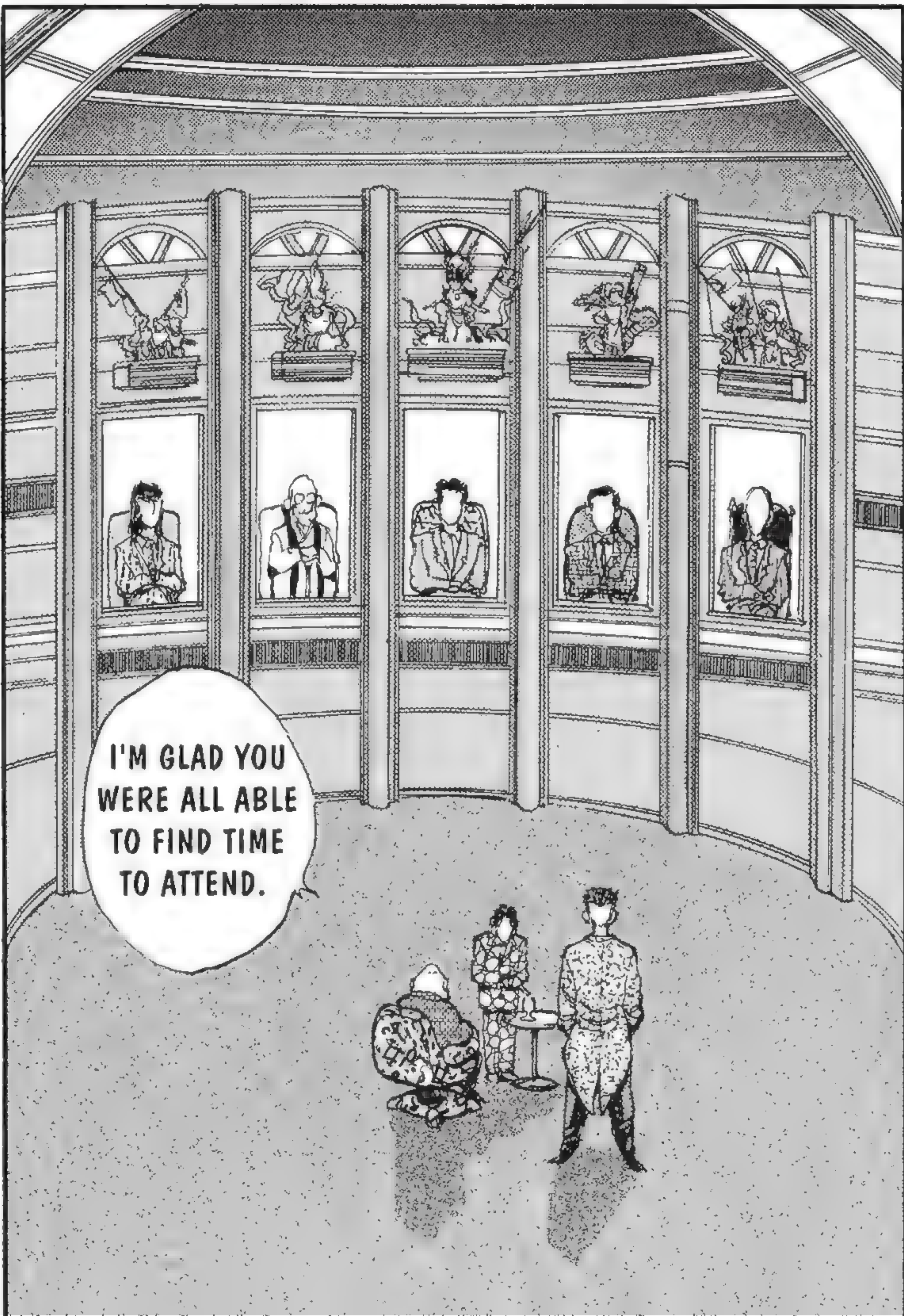
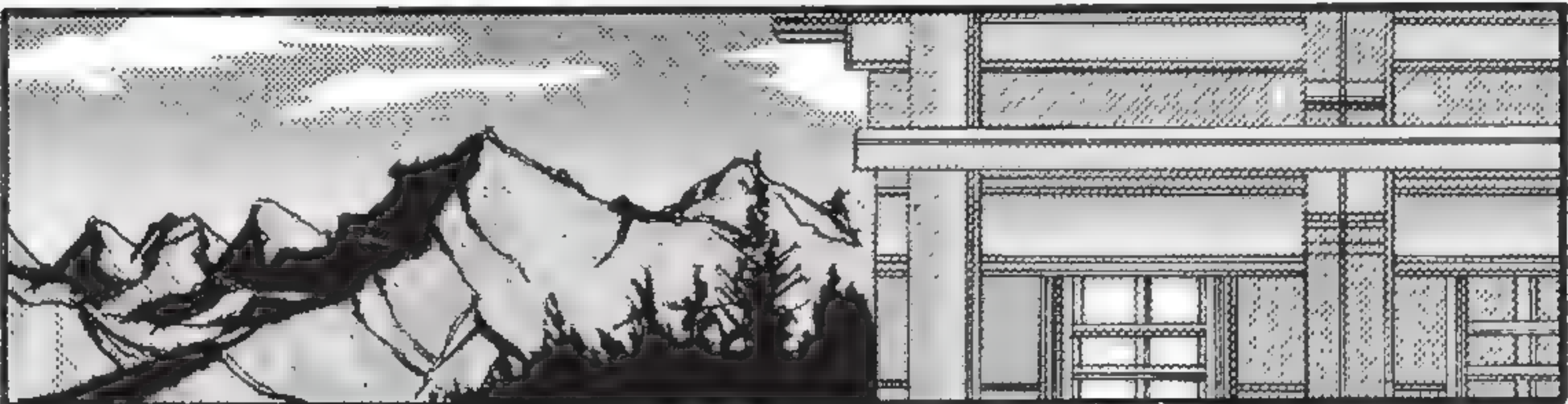


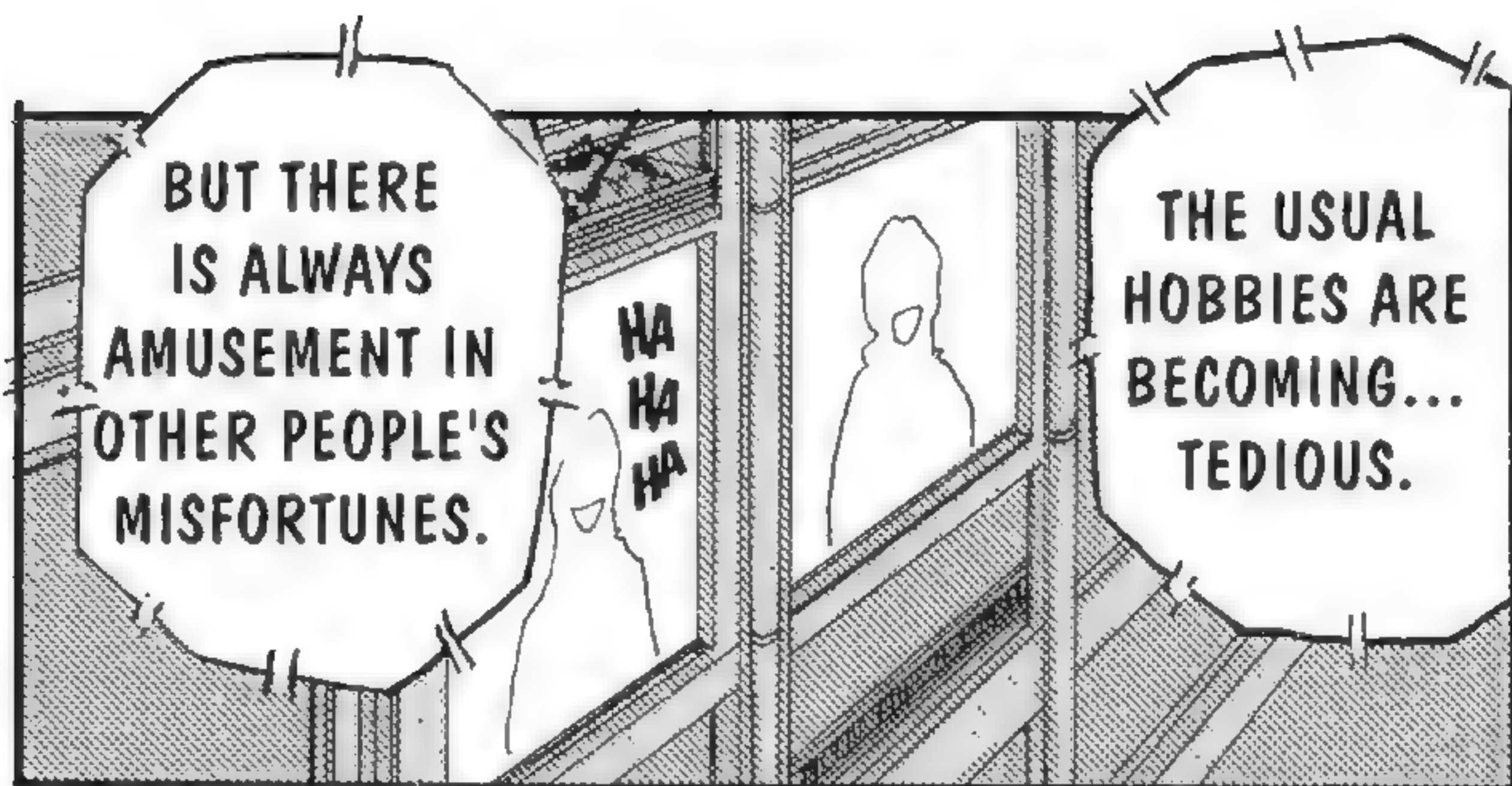
I DON'T
FORESEE YOU
MEETING A
PLEASANT END.





MOMENTS
LATER...





BUT THERE IS ALWAYS AMUSEMENT IN OTHER PEOPLE'S MISFORTUNES.

HA HA HA

THE USUAL HOBBIES ARE BECOMING... TEDIOUS.



TRUE ENOUGH. I COULD USE A FRESH DIVERSION.

WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD.



...WHAT'S ON THE CARD TODAY?

SO...



STILL, YOU'VE MANAGED TO INTRIGUE US.

HMM... YOU'RE NOT SAYING WHO THESE INTRUDERS ARE.



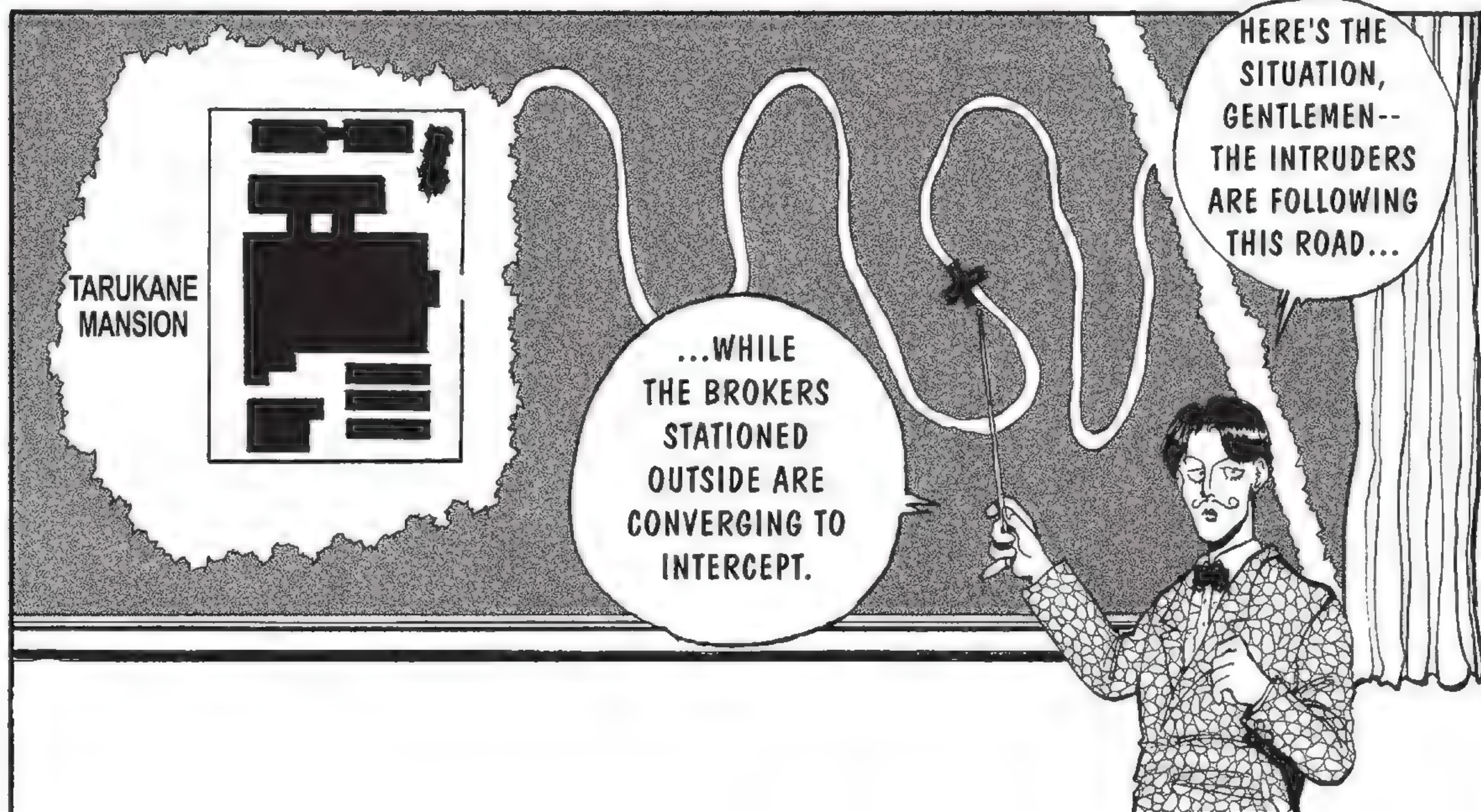
EXCELLENT. ALWAYS NICE TO SPREAD THE WEALTH AROUND.

HEE HEE... I KNEW I WOULD.



I'D LIKE US TO WAGER ON HOW THEY'LL DO AGAINST THE BROKERS OF DARKNESS.

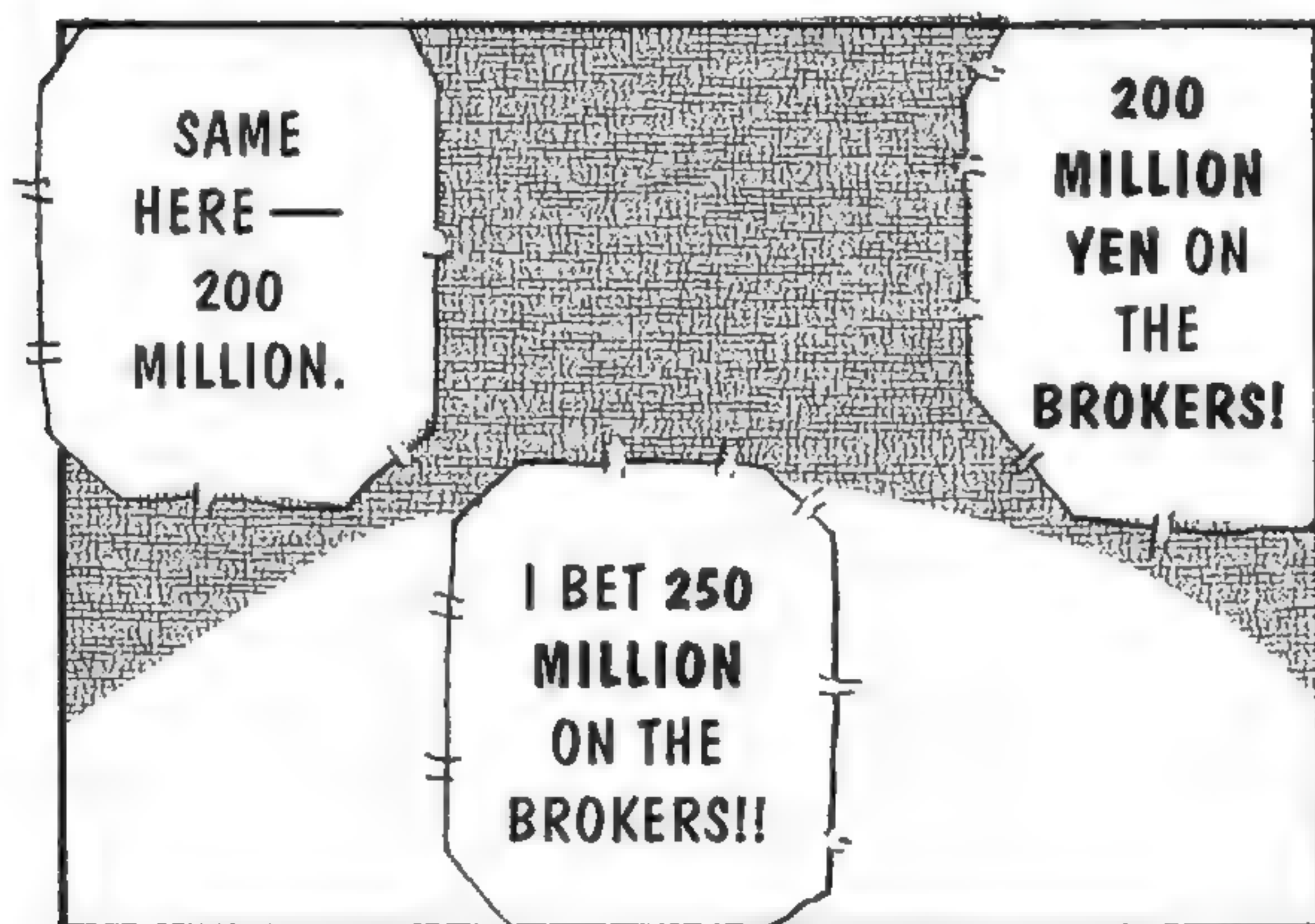
I HAVE TWO INTRUDERS ON MY ESTATE WHO APPEAR TO BE AFTER THE SECRET OF MY TEARS OF ICE.



TARUKANE MANSION

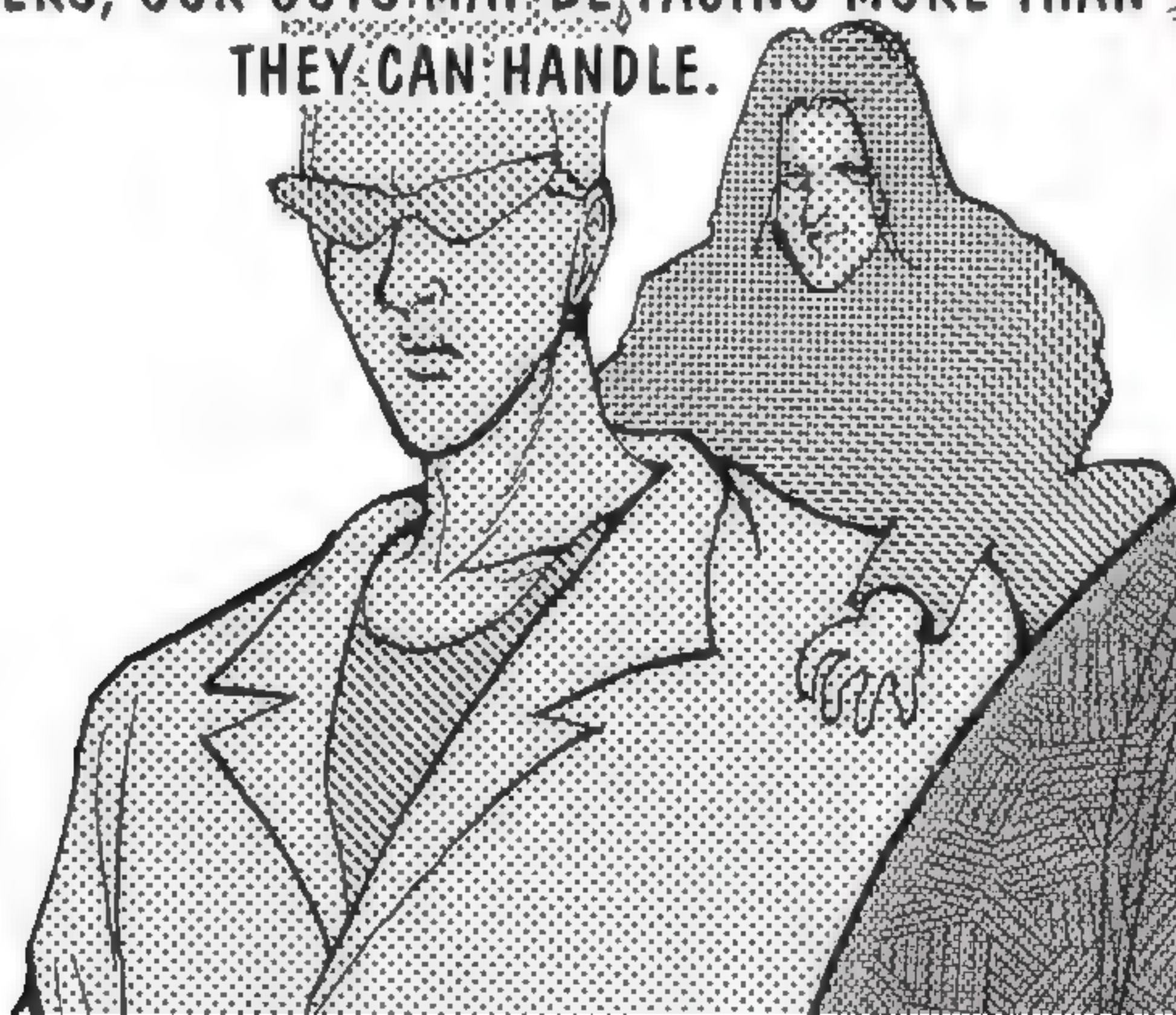
...WHILE THE BROKERS STATIONED OUTSIDE ARE CONVERGING TO INTERCEPT.

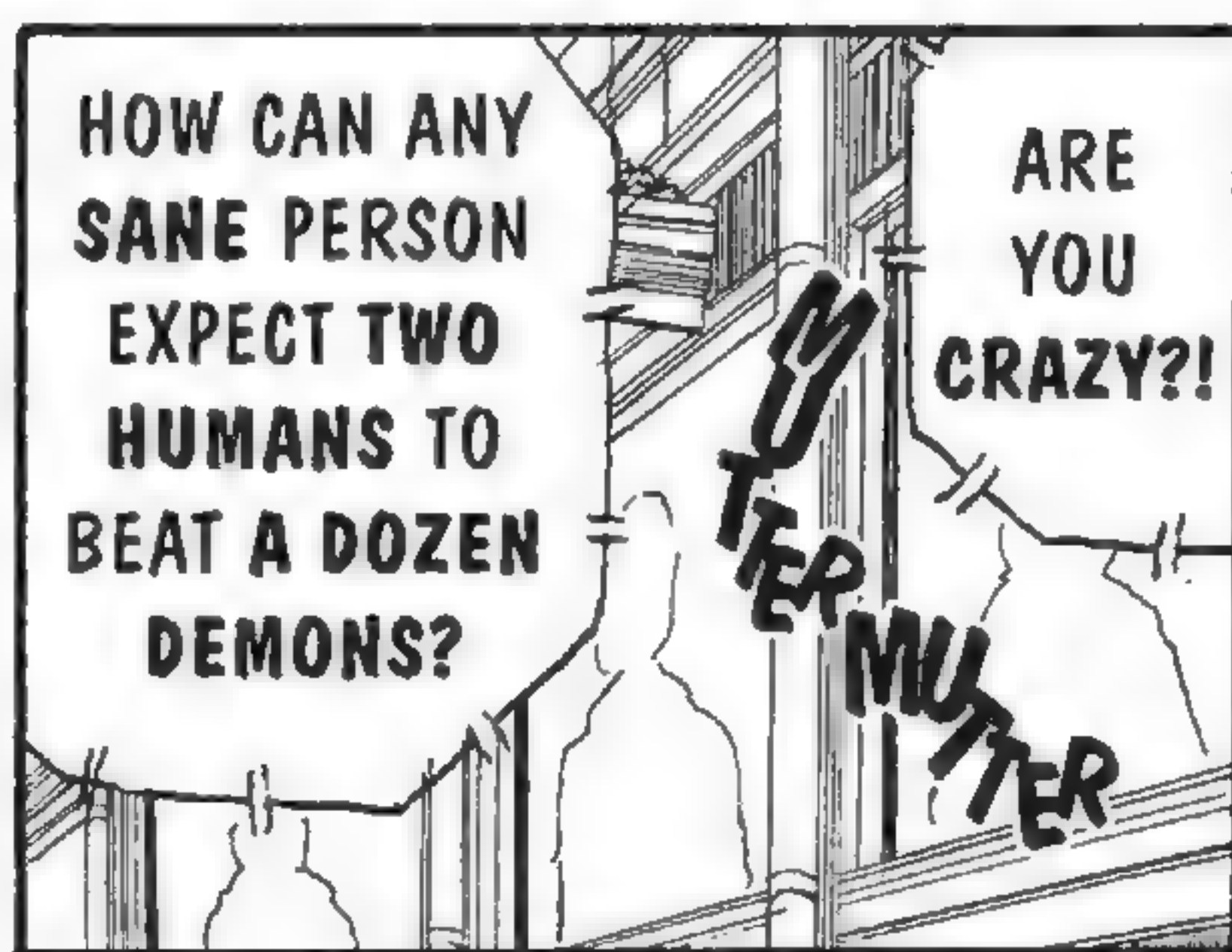
HERE'S THE SITUATION, GENTLEMEN-- THE INTRUDERS ARE FOLLOWING THIS ROAD...

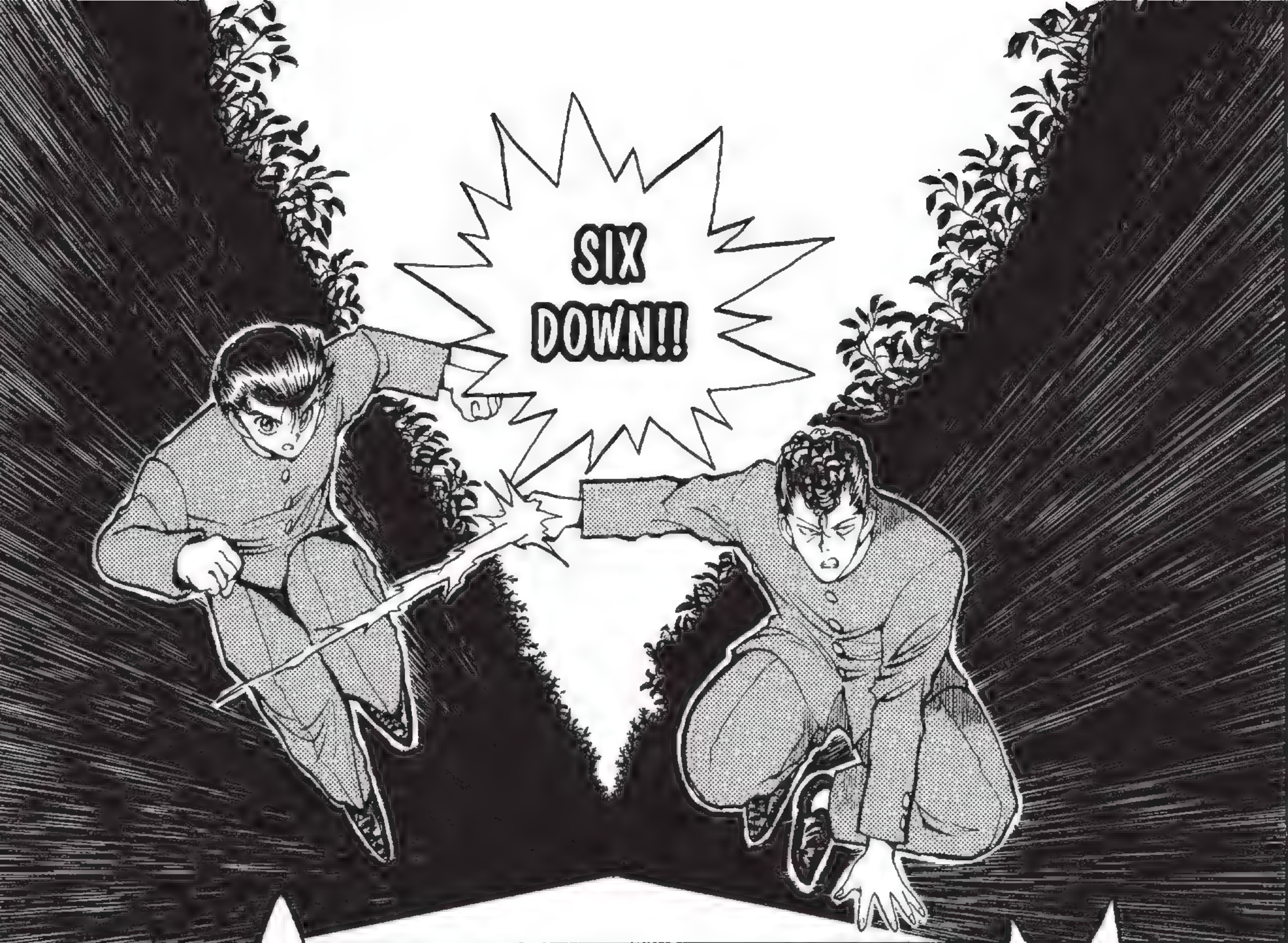


I'VE HEARD THAT RANDO AND SUZAKU, DEMONS OF CONSIDERABLE STATURE, WERE RECENTLY TAKEN DOWN BY TWO HUMAN BOYS. IF THESE ARE THE INTRUDERS, OUR GUYS MAY BE FACING MORE THAN THEY CAN HANDLE.

HEE HEE... THEY FELL FOR IT. THE REPUTATION OF THE BROKERS IS QUITE PERSUASIVE...







**SIX
DOWN!!**



**WE'RE
READY
FOR YOU
NOW!!**

**YOU GOT
LUCKY,
HUMAN
SCUM!!**

CLASSIC REDSHIRTS...



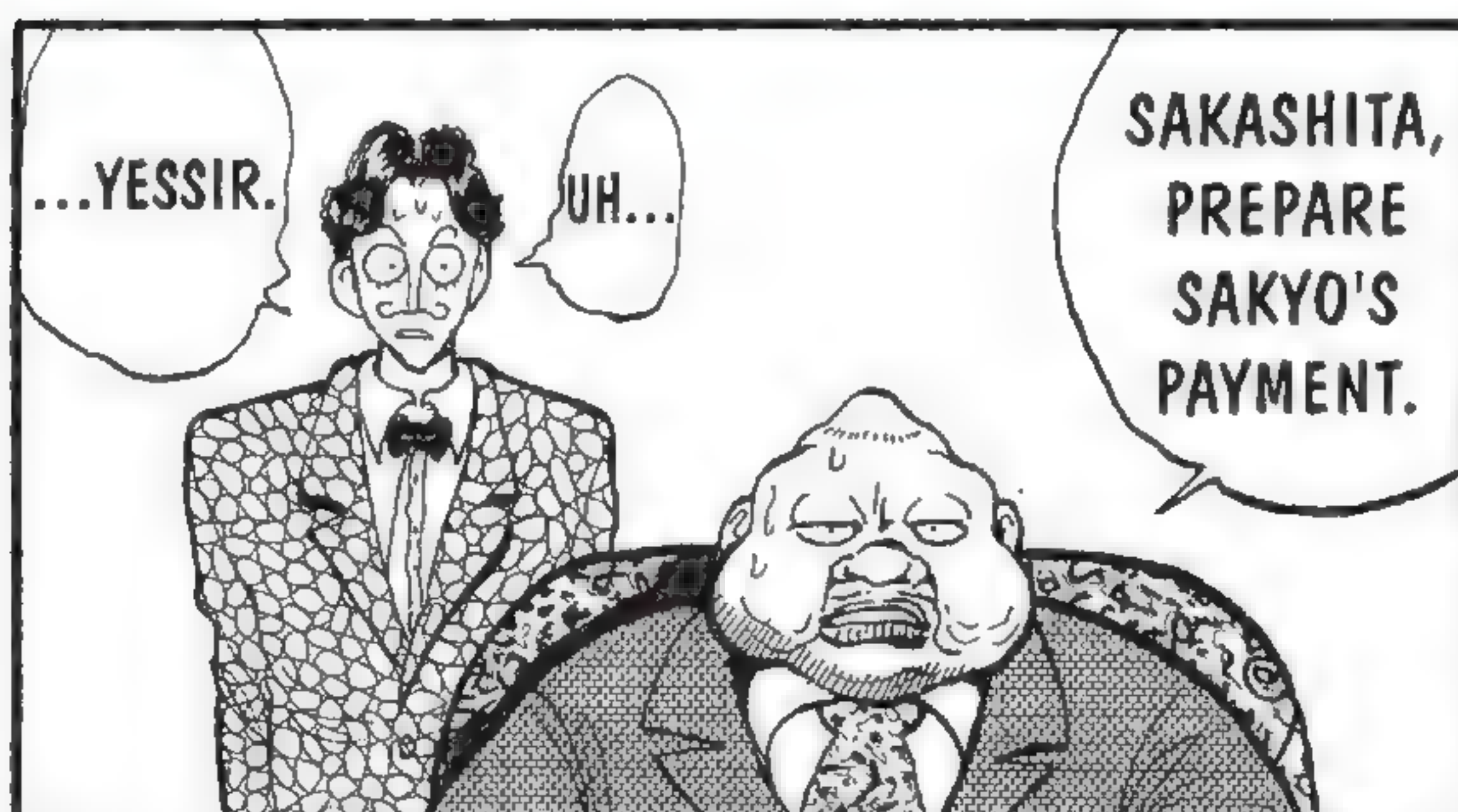
**OUTTA MY WAY!
I'M BURNIN'
WITH ROMANTIC
FURY!!**

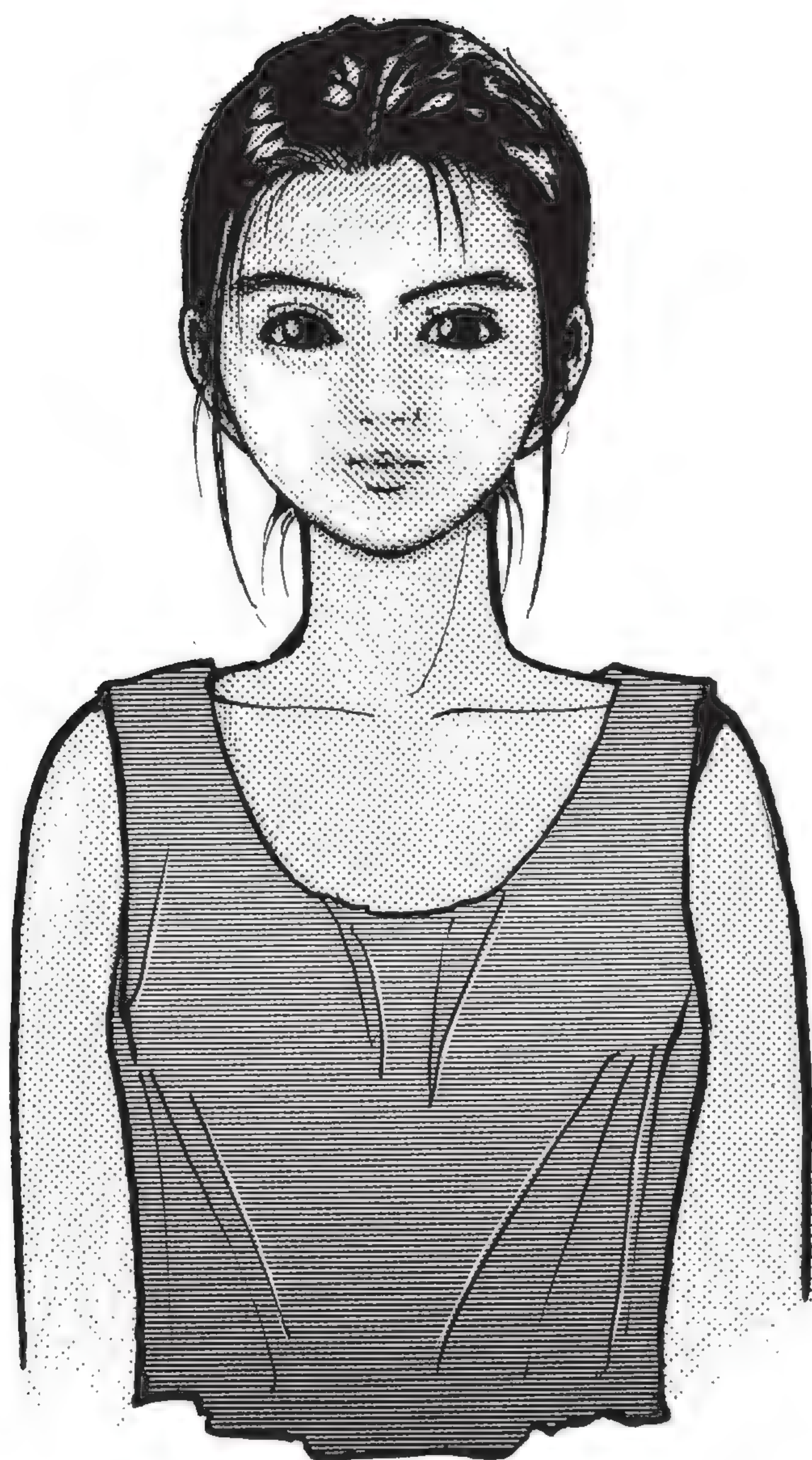
**HE'S
CRANKED
TO 11!**

**STUFF IT,
YOU PUG-
UGLIES!**

SNOWGIRL

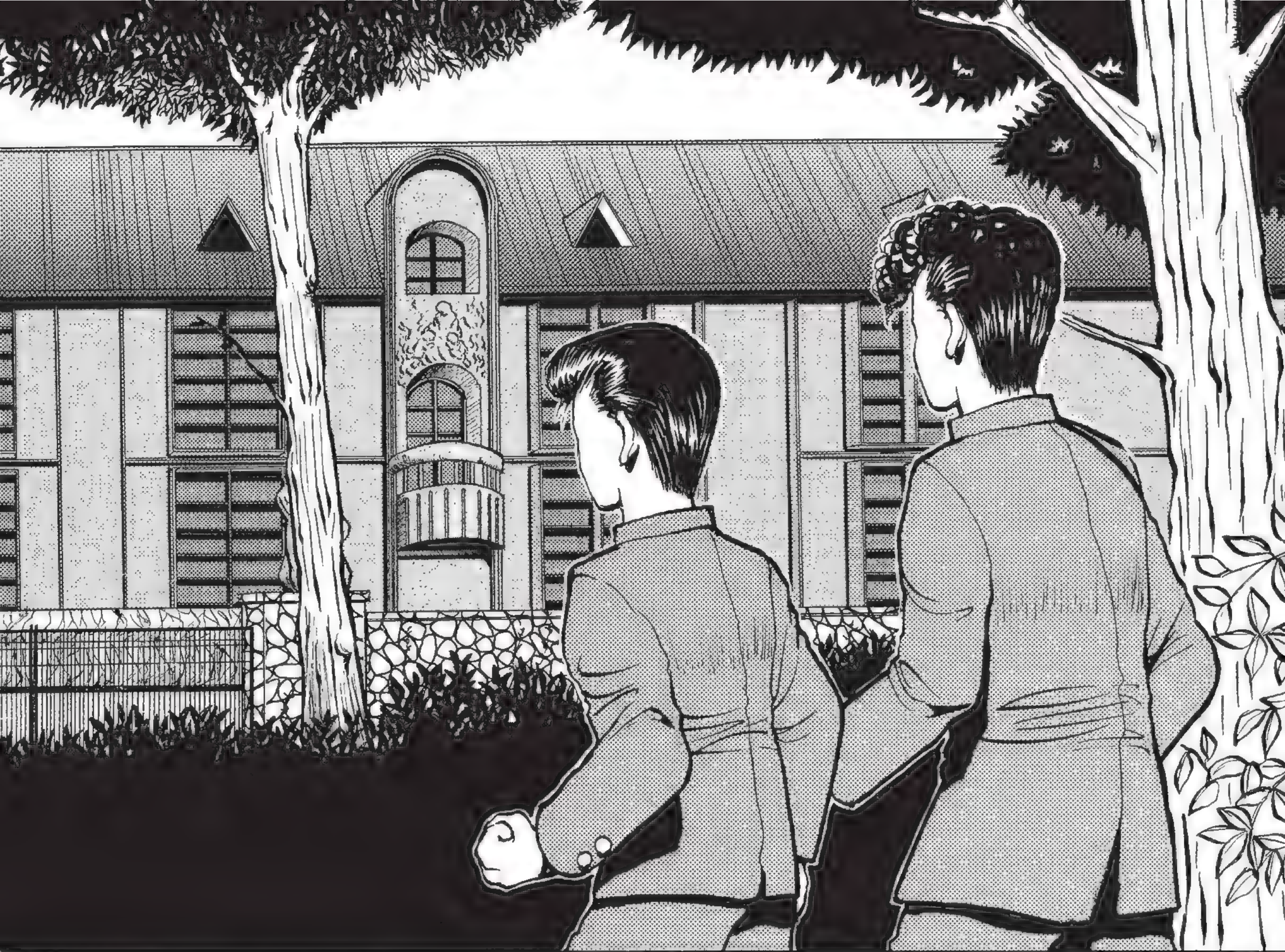






NEXT UP: THE OGRE TRIAD!!





I'M HERE,
SNOWGIRL!!
I'LL SAVE
YOU!!

WHERE MY
HEART'S
DESIRE IS
CAGED.



THOSE TALISMANS
WE SAW IN THE
VIDEO MUST
SHIELD AGAINST
MY SIXTH SENSE.

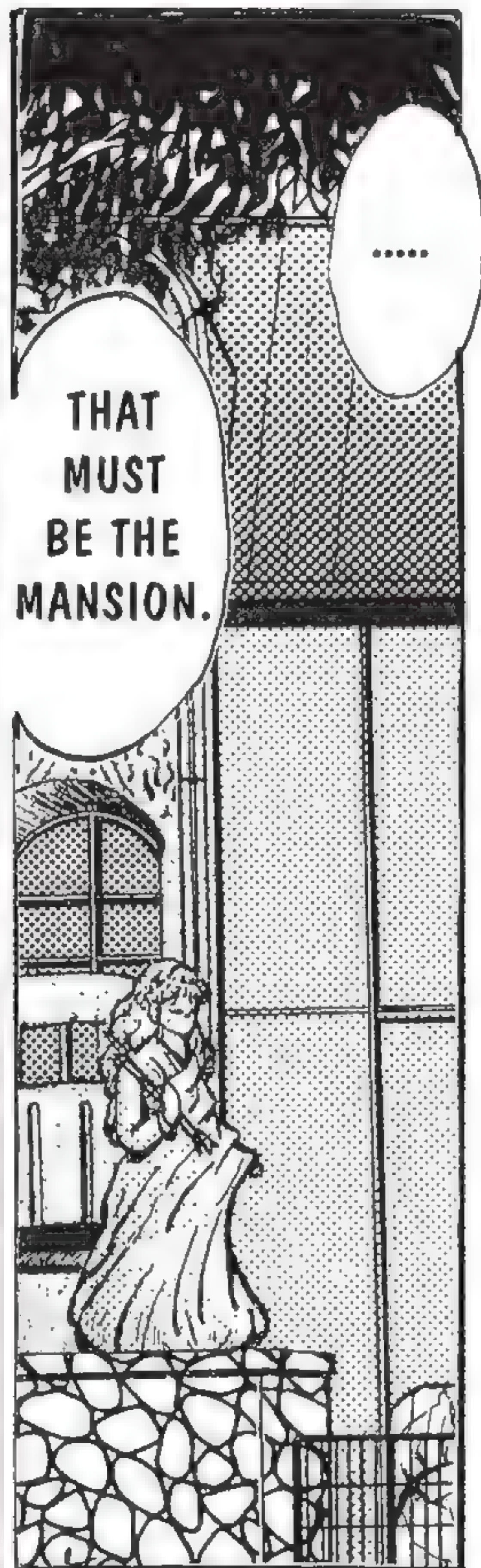
RIGHT.
HMM...
I DON'T
PICK UP
ANYTHING.

ON THE OTHER
HAND, I'M PICKING
UP THREE DEMONIC
AURAS WAY
STRONGER THAN THE
DOZEN WE JUST
WIPED OUT...



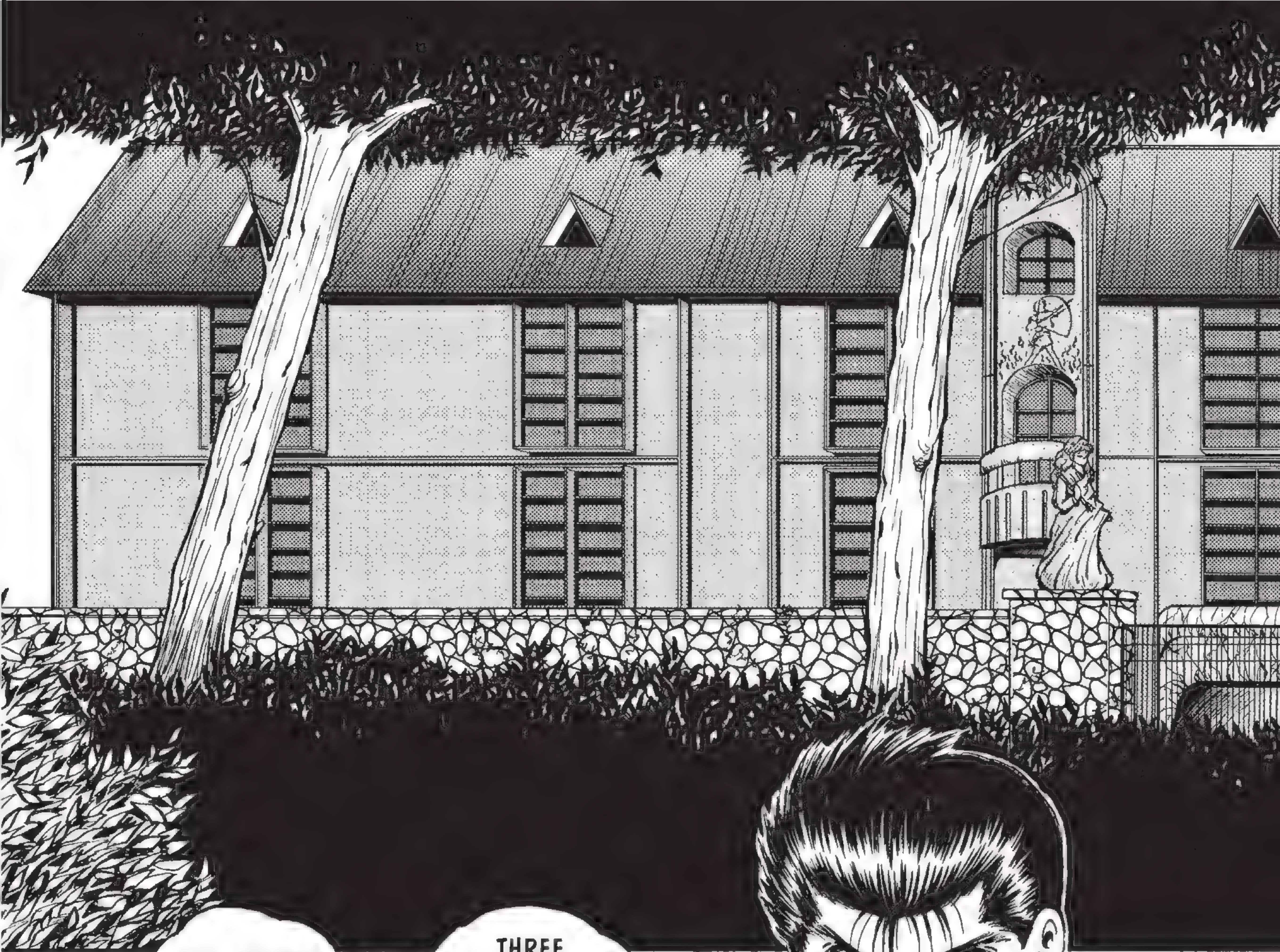
WONDER
WHAT HE'D
THINK IF
HE KNEW
HIS "SNOW-
GIRL" IS
HIE'S
SISTER?

YOU MIGHT
WANT TO
CONFIRM
THAT SHE'S
HERE.



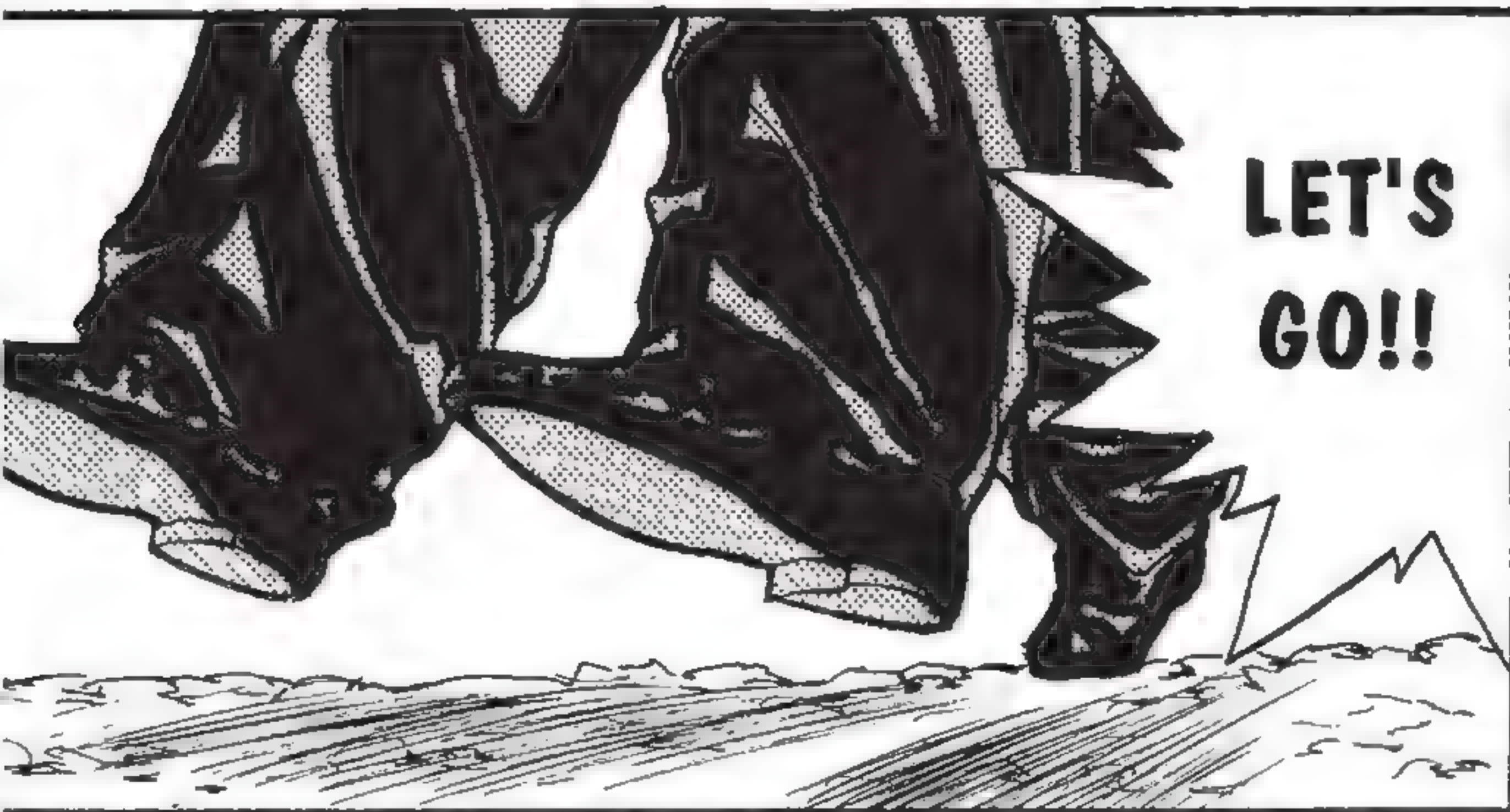
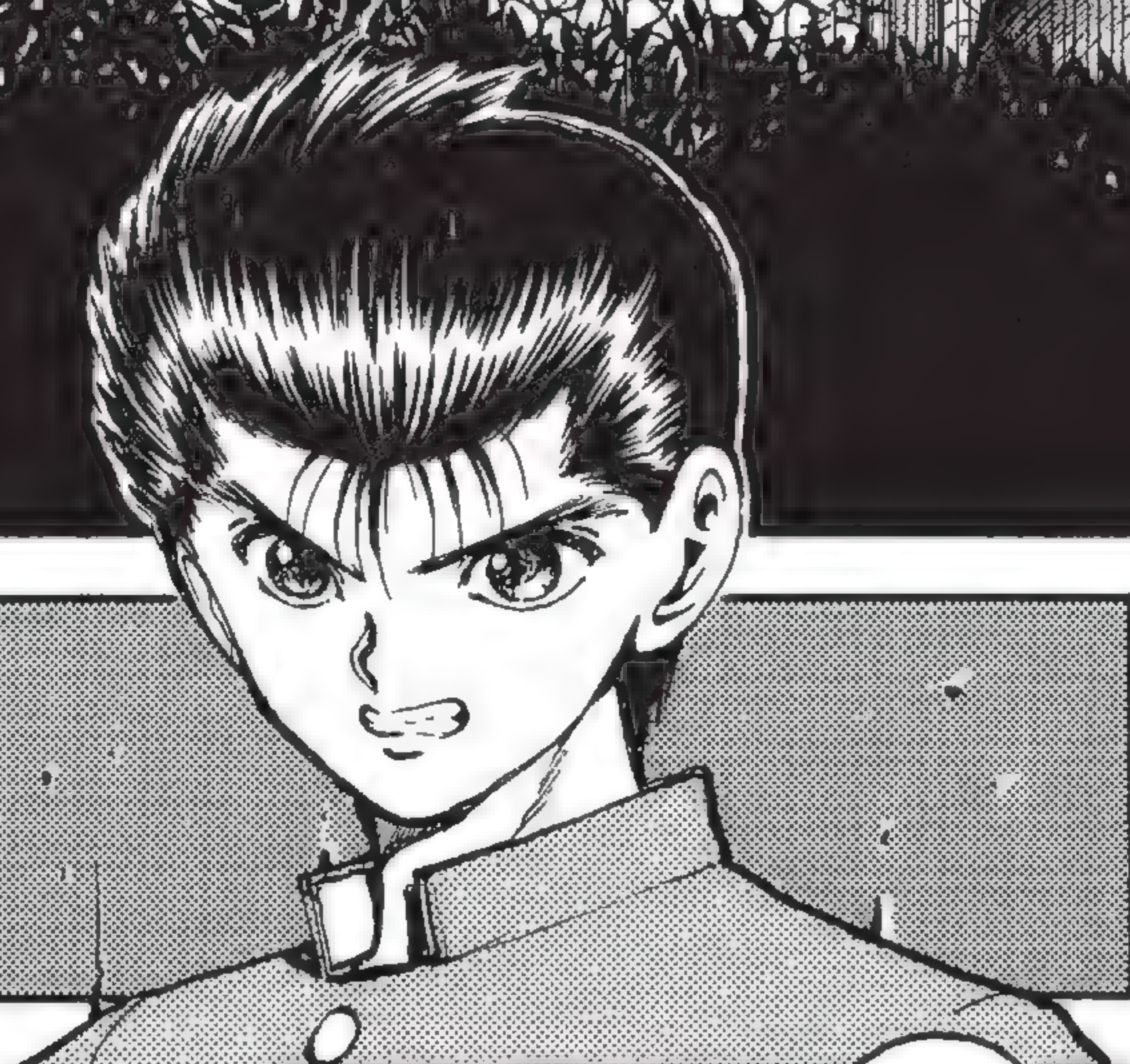
.....

THAT
MUST
BE THE
MANSION.



I'VE GOT MY
REIGUN RAPID-
FIRE DOWN TO A
SWEET SCIENCE.

THREE
DEMONS LEFT, EH?
WELL, THEY MAY BE
POWERFUL, BUT I'M
READY TO TAKE ON
ANYTHING.

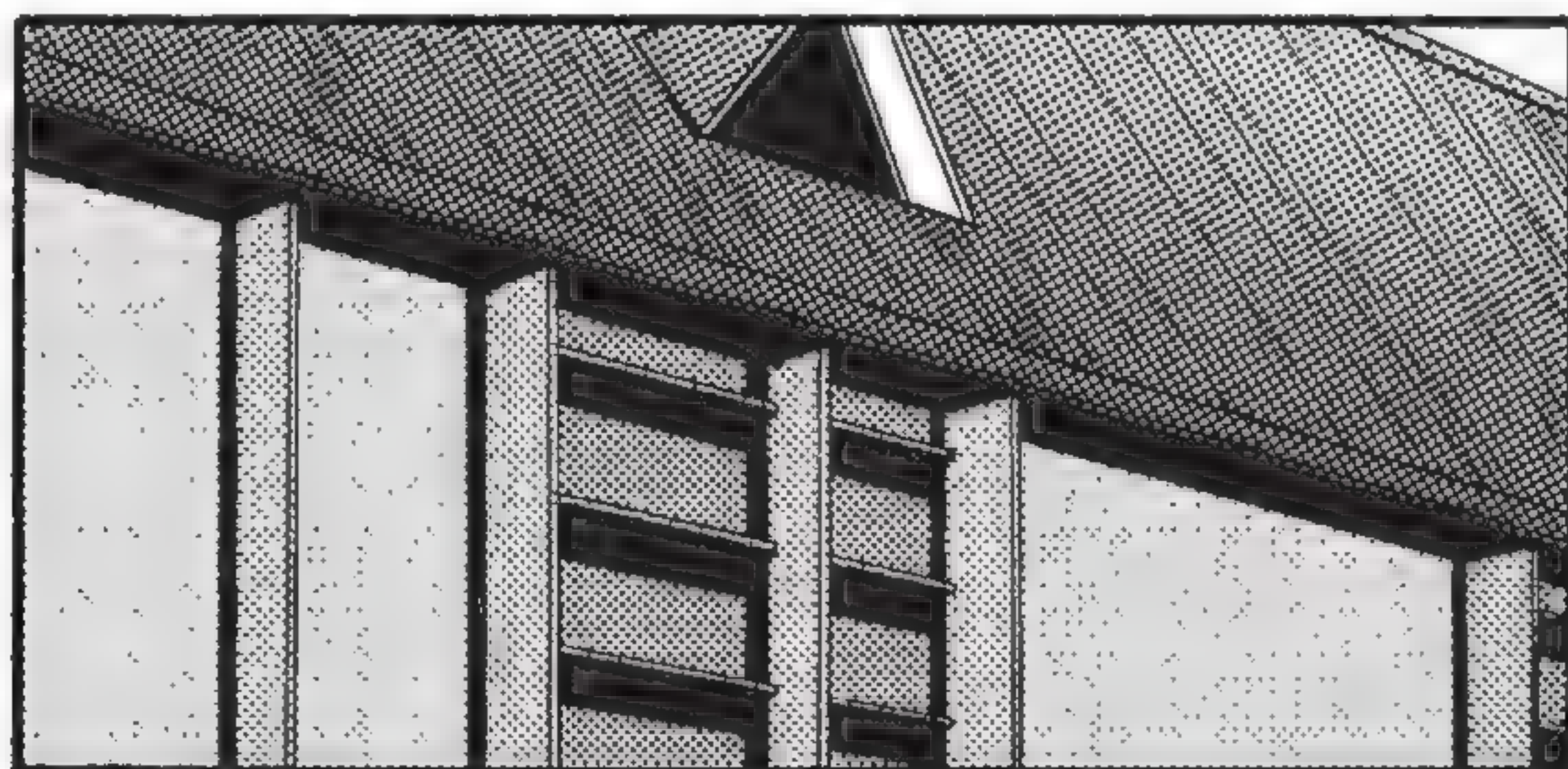


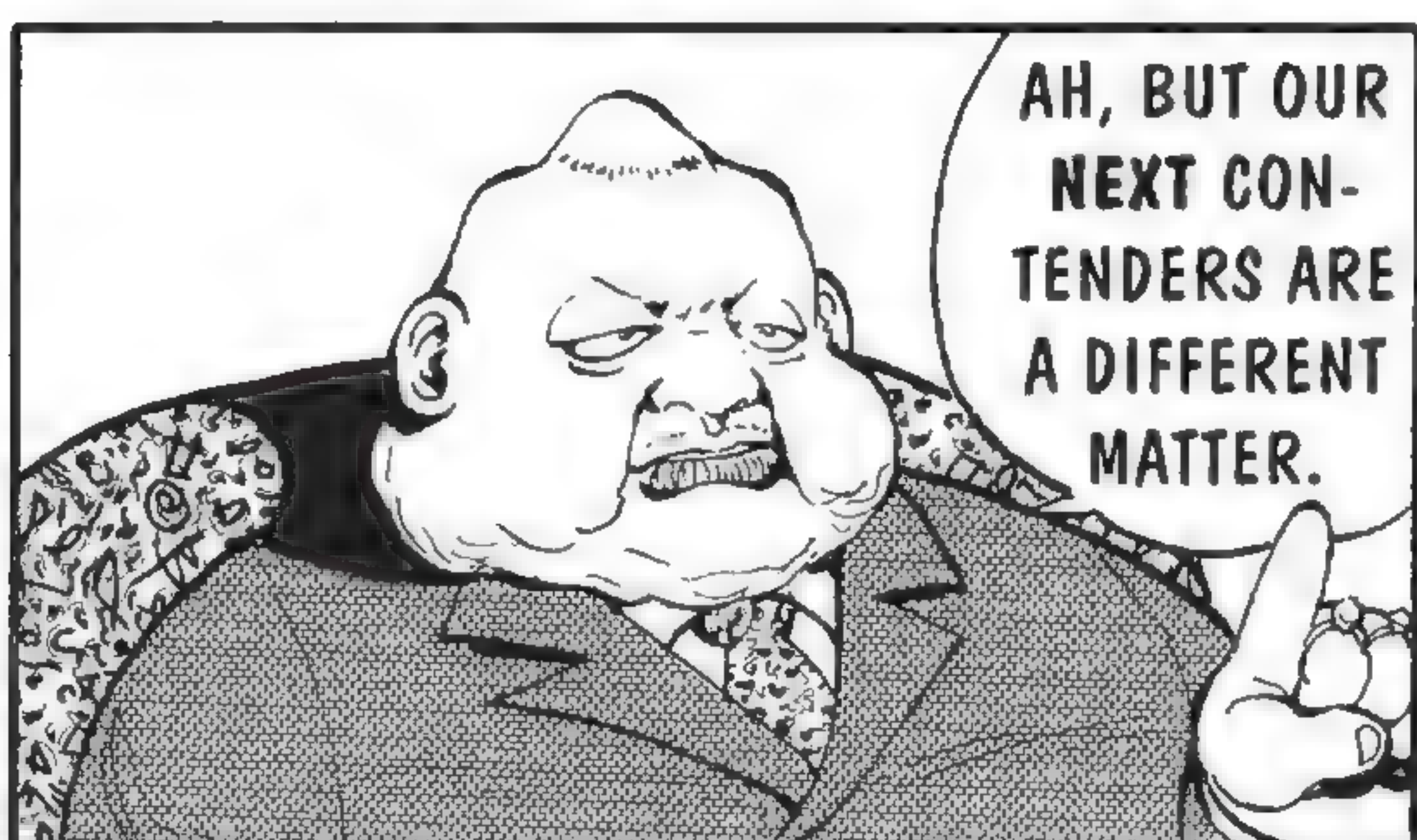
**LET'S
GO!!**

...I FELT NEW
POWER SURGING
WITHIN ME AS
SOON AS I
RECOVERED FROM
MY LAST
INJURIES.

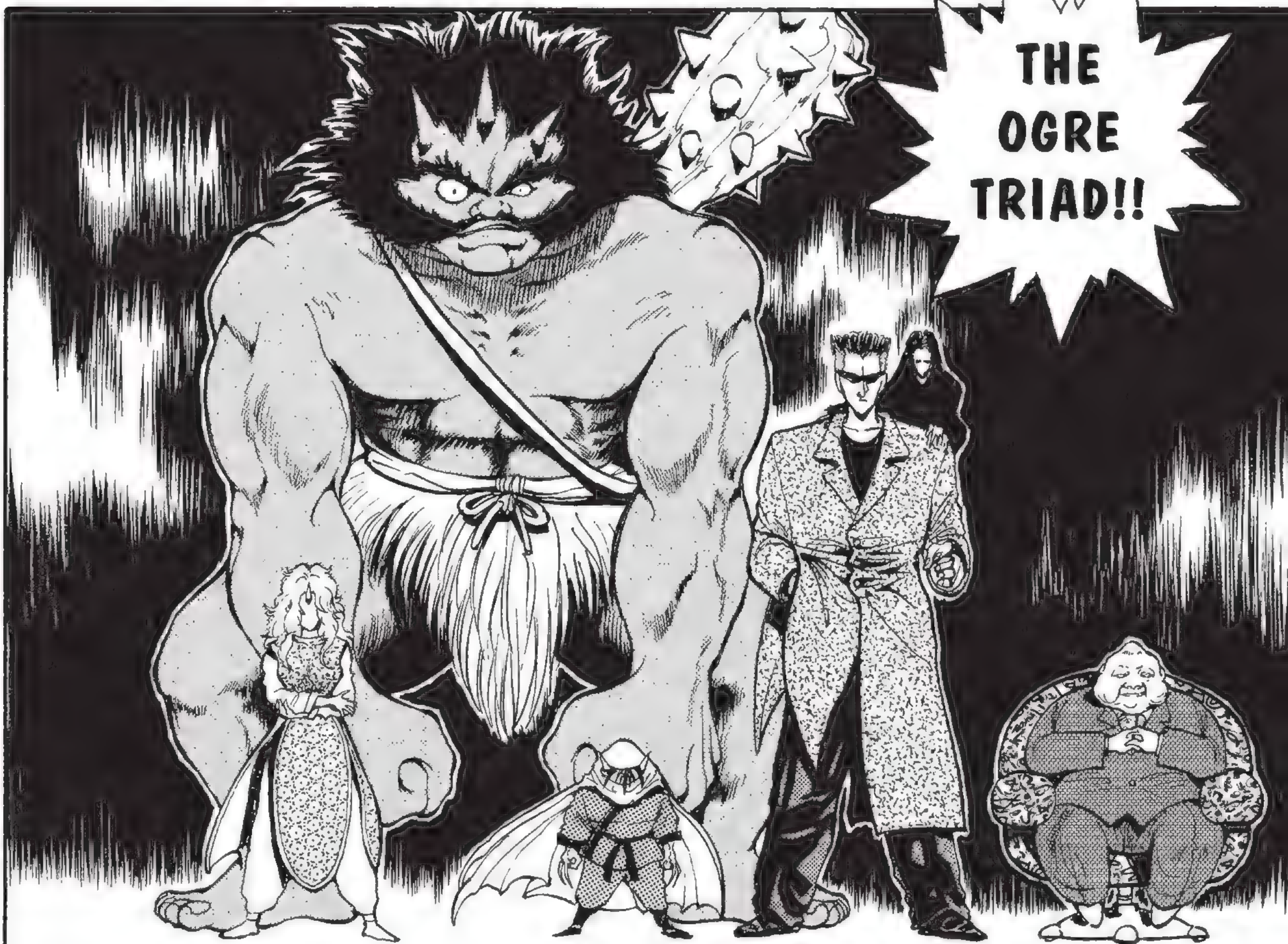
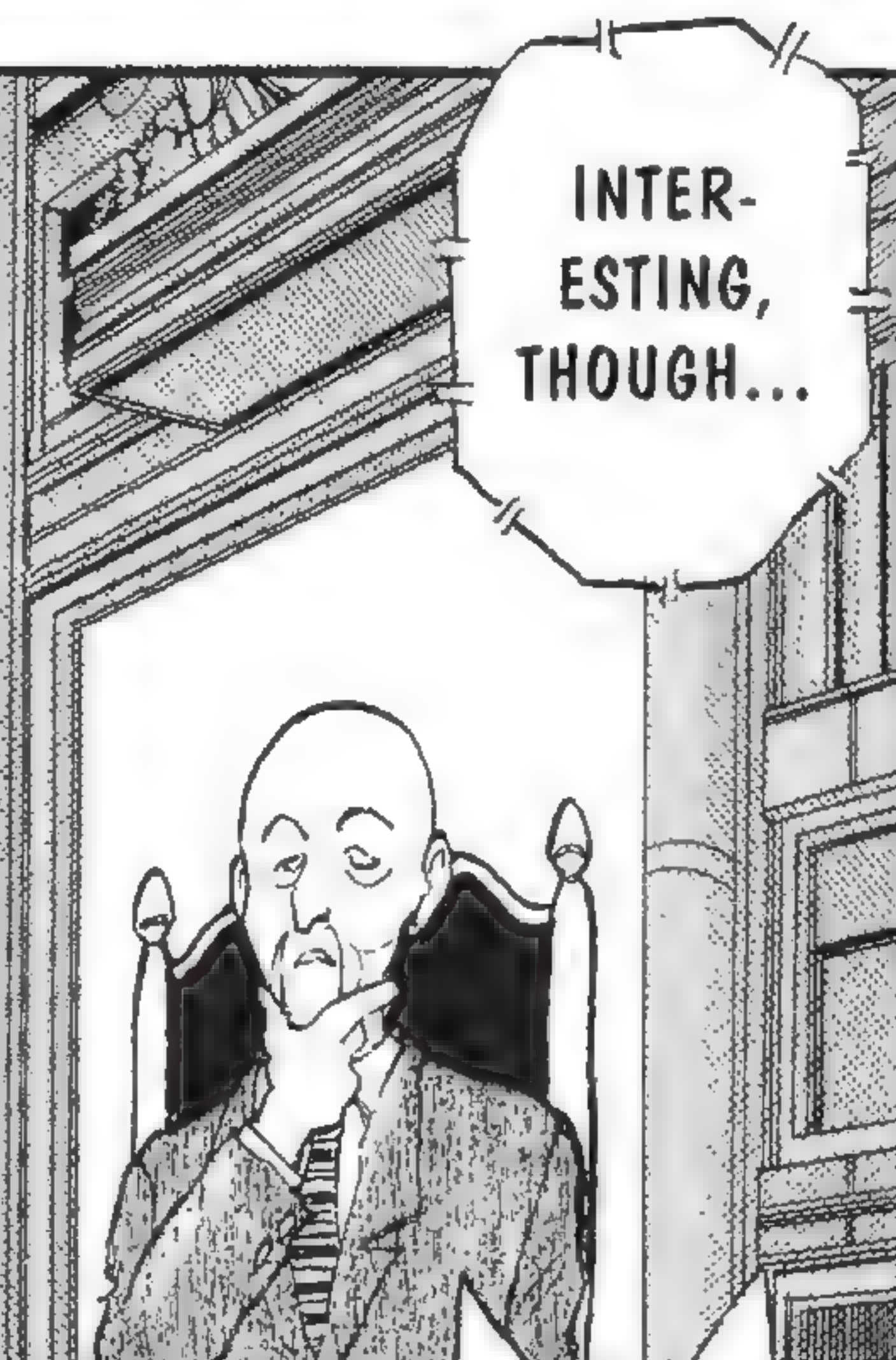
AND
ME...

WE'VE
GONE UP
A LEVEL!!





...THAT THERE ARE HUMANS ABLE TO DEFEAT BROKERS OF DARKNESS, IF ONLY THE UNDERLINGS.





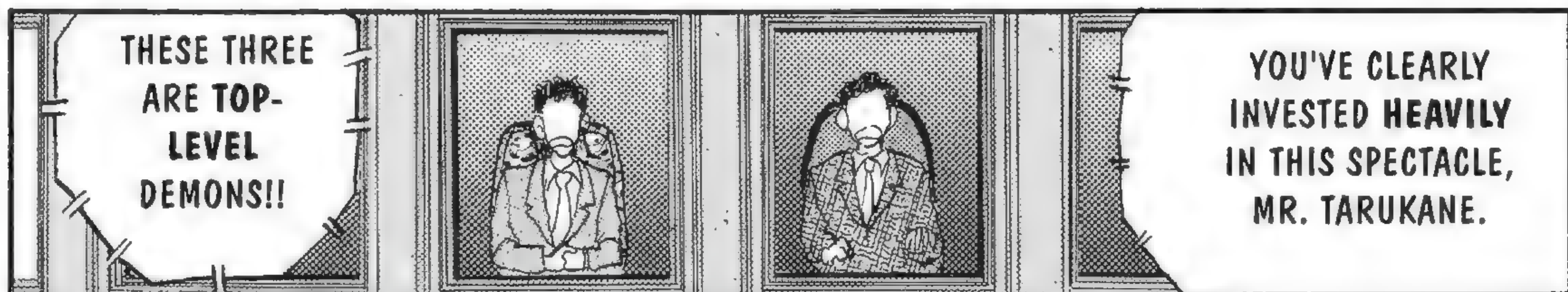
VERTEX
THREE:
GOKUMON-
KI.



VERTEX
TWO:
INMA-
KI.



VERTEX
ONE:
MIYU-
KI.



THESE THREE
ARE TOP-
LEVEL
DEMONS!!

YOU'VE CLEARLY
INVESTED HEAVILY
IN THIS SPECTACLE,
MR. TARUKANE.



PLACE
YOUR
BETS.

EXACTLY. SO,
THE SECOND
EVENT IS THE
INTRUDERS VS.
THE OGRE
TRIAD.



THE SECRET
OF THE
TEARS OF
ICE IS
WORTH IT,
EH?



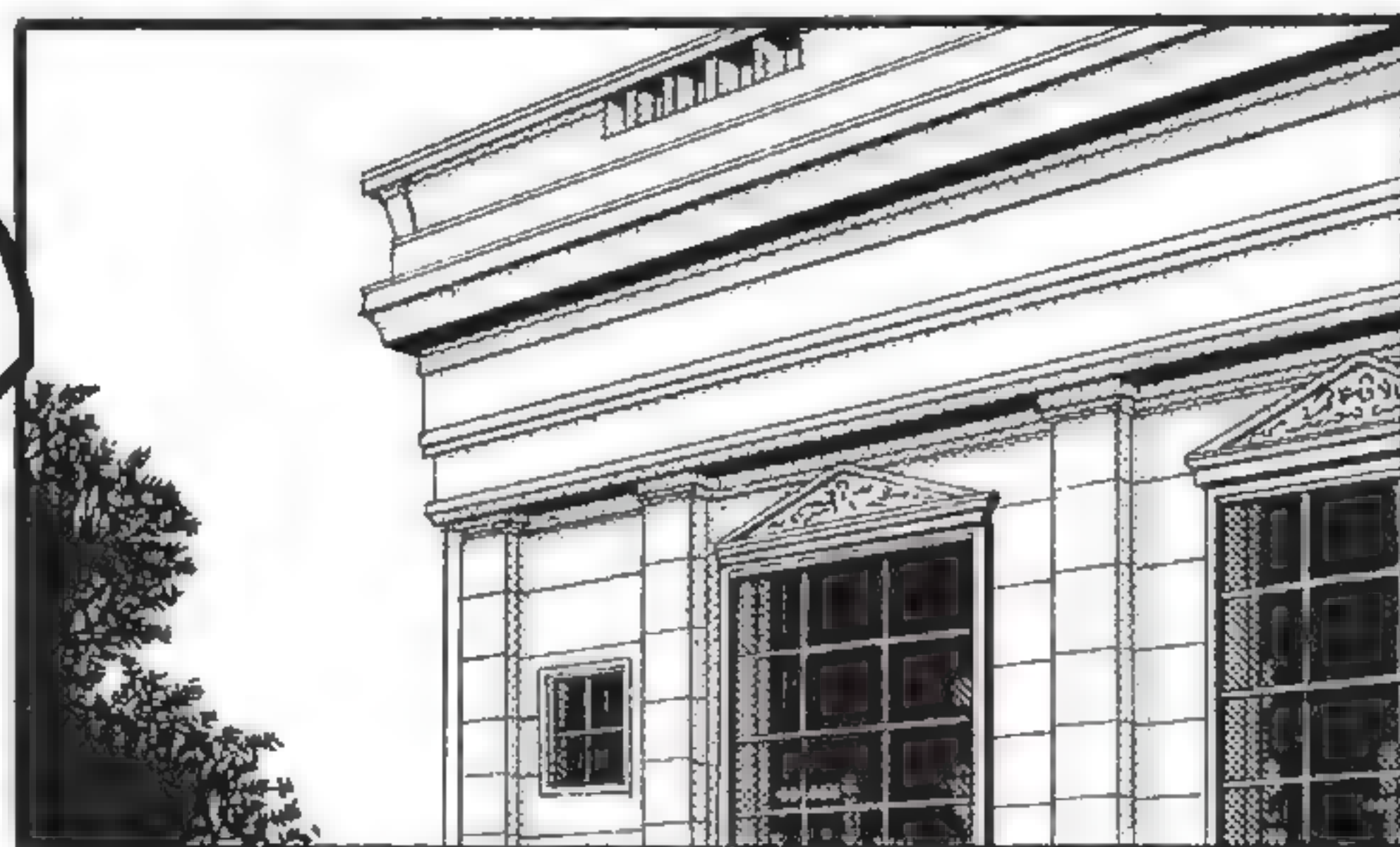
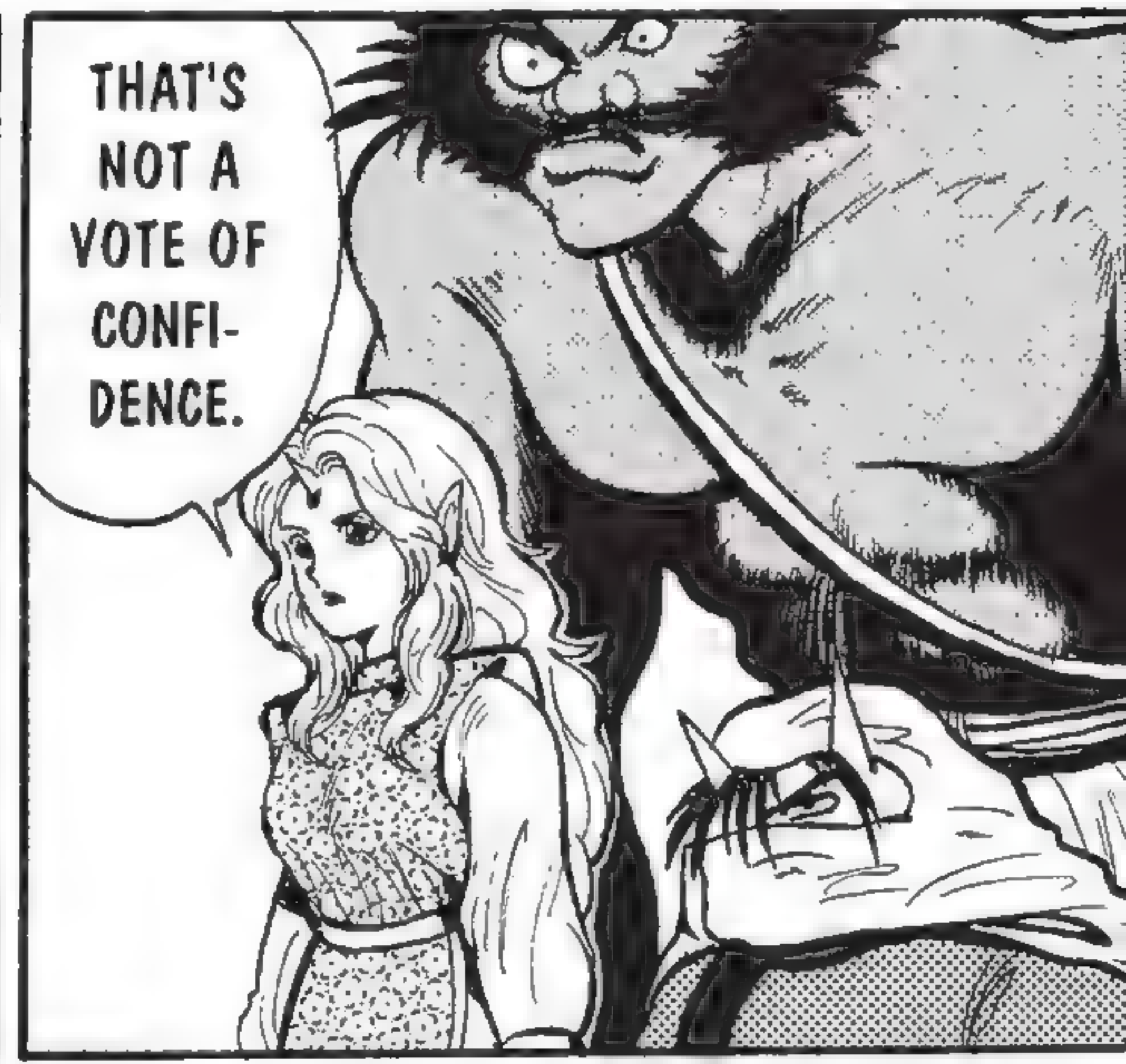
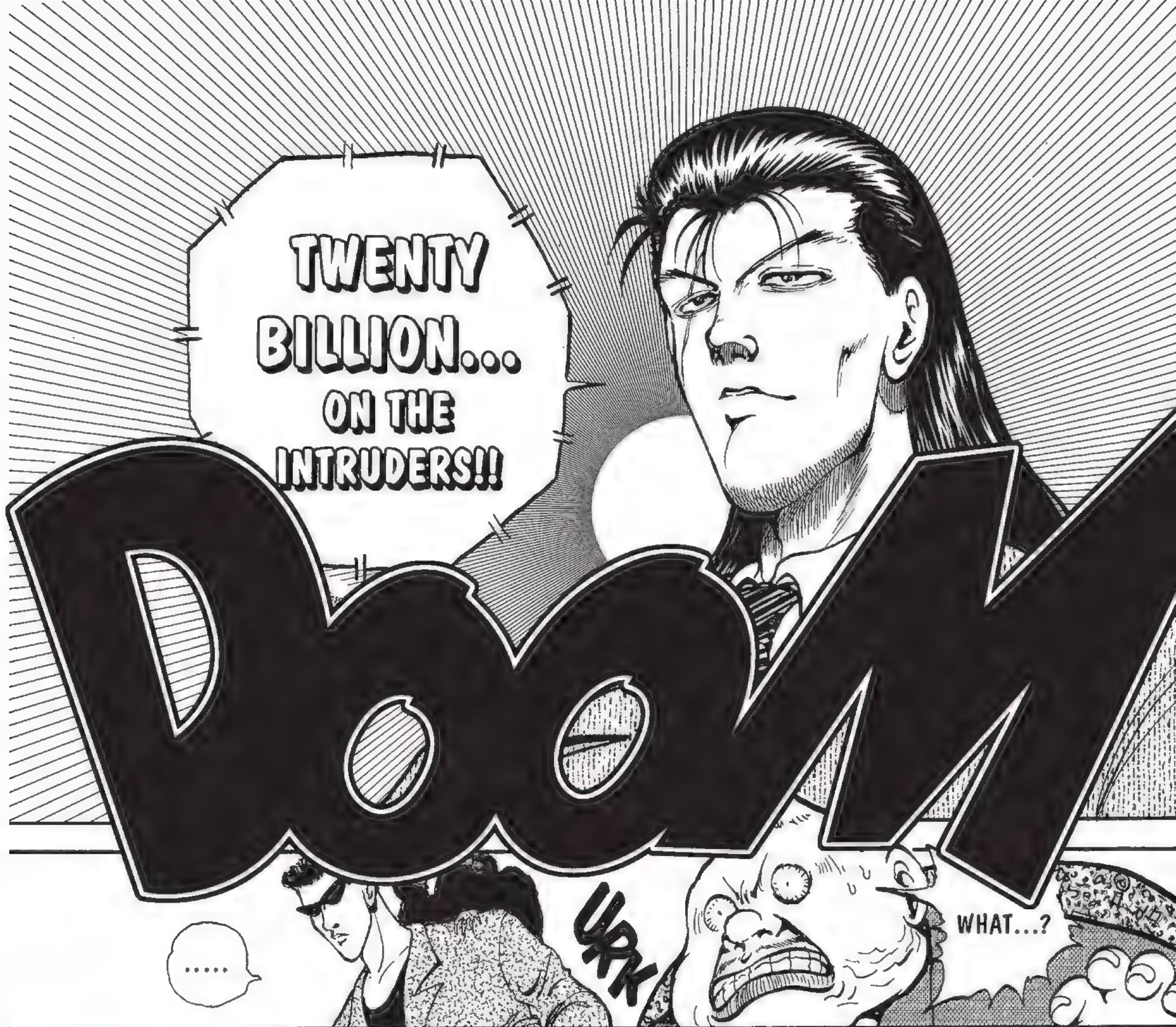
300
MILLION
ON THE
TRIAD!!

500 MILLION
ON THE
BROKERS
FOR ME!!

I'M PUTTING
500
MILLION
ON THE
BROKERS!!



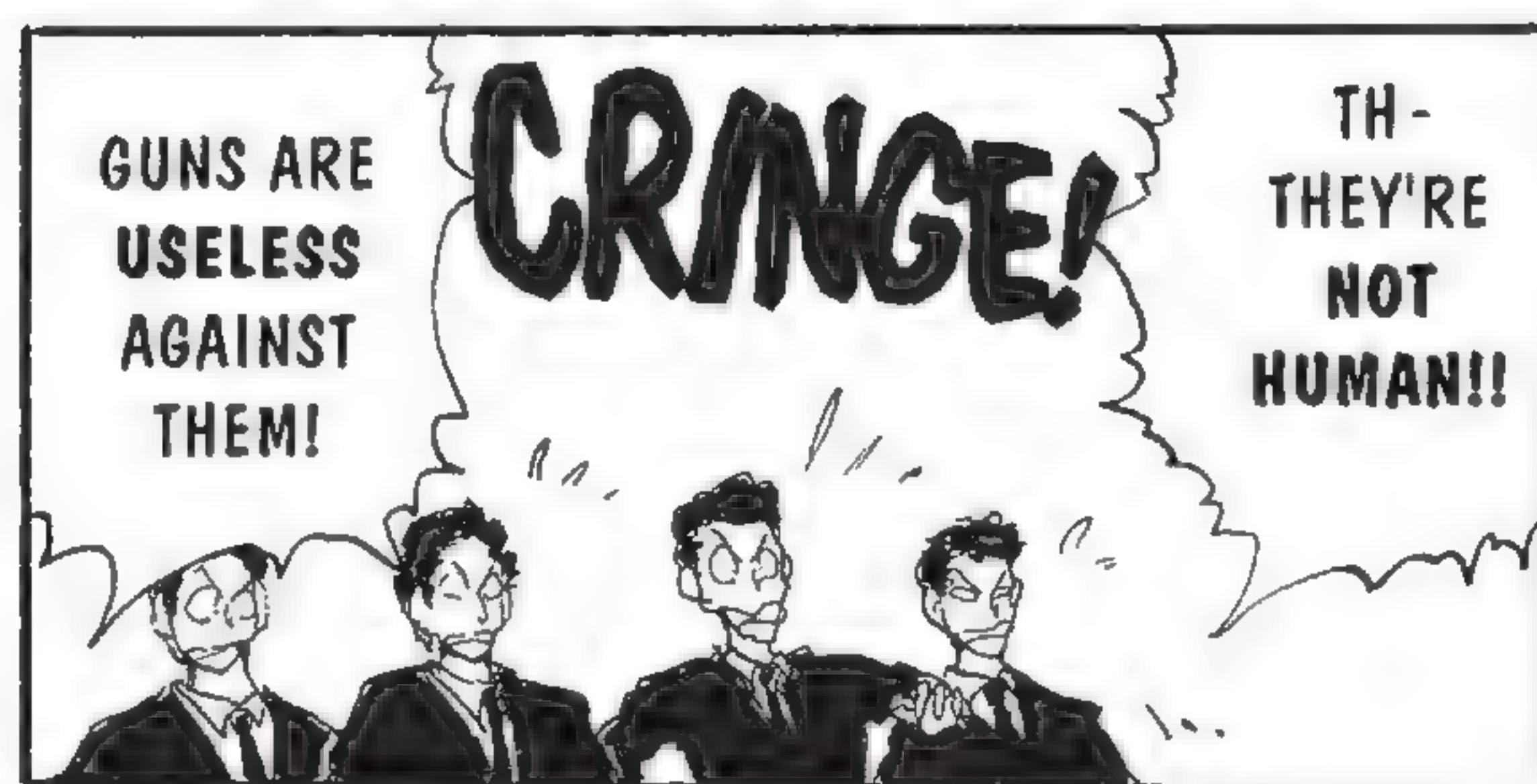
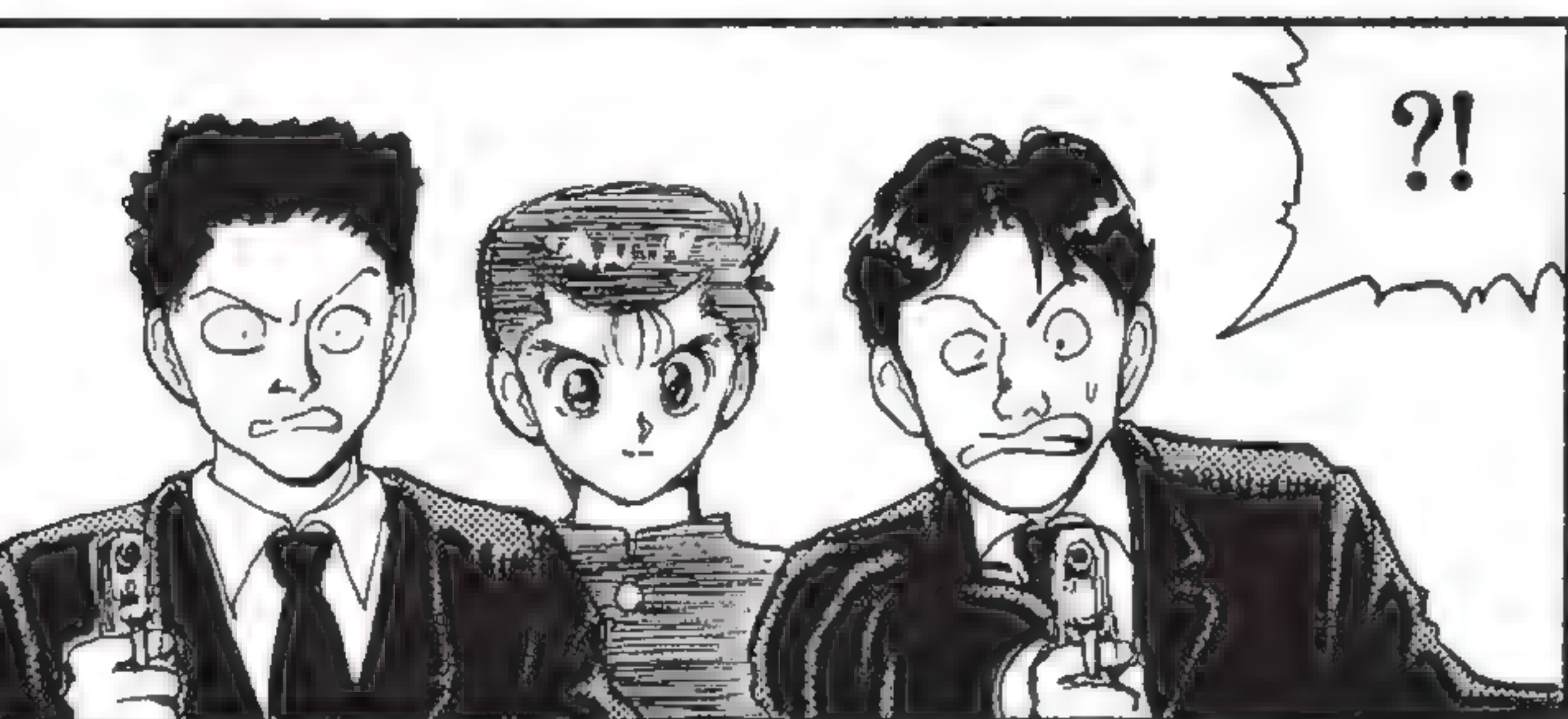
PAYOUT IS
THREE TIMES
THE AMOUNT
ANTED.





BLAST!
THEY'RE
FAST!

KEEP
FIRING!!



GUNS ARE
USELESS
AGAINST
THEM!

CRINGE!

TH-
THEY'RE
NOT
HUMAN!!



STEP
ASIDE.

PRE-
CISELY.



IT'S OBVIOUS
WHEN AND
WHERE
YOU'RE
GOING TO
SHOOT.

QUANTITY
CAN'T REPLACE
QUALITY,
DUDES.



HELLO.
I'M MIYUKI,
OGRE TRIAD
VERTEX ONE.



YIPES!!



HAAH!!!



CHIVALRY ON
YOUR PART
DOESN'T MEAN
MERCY ON MY
PART.

THAT'S
SWEET...
BUT A
MISTAKE.



MAN OR WOMAN,
YOUNG OR OLD...
YOU WANT A FIGHT,
I'LL GIVE YOU
ONE.

I
DON'T
CARE.

CHIVALRY? NEVER HEARD
OF IT.

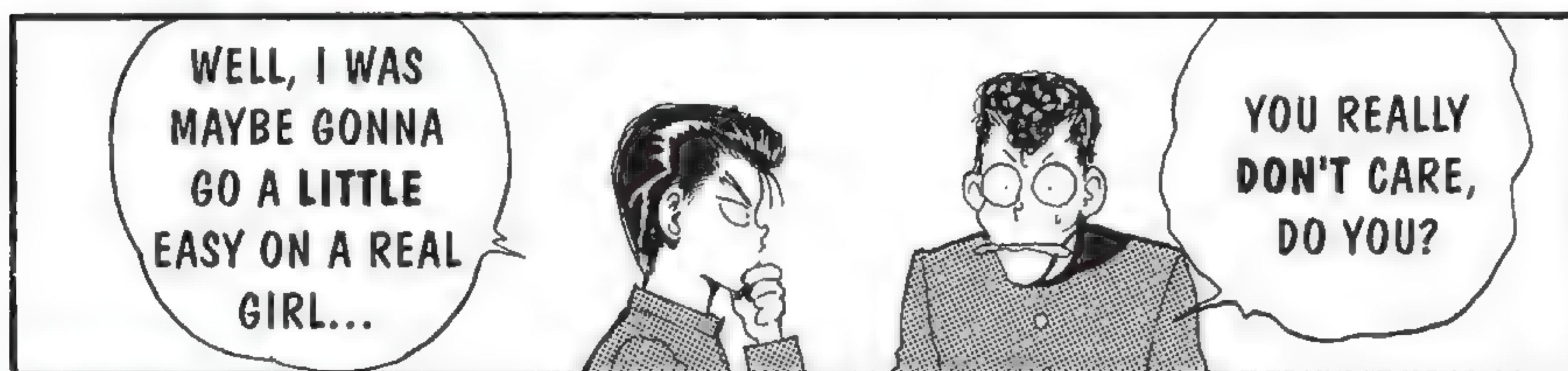
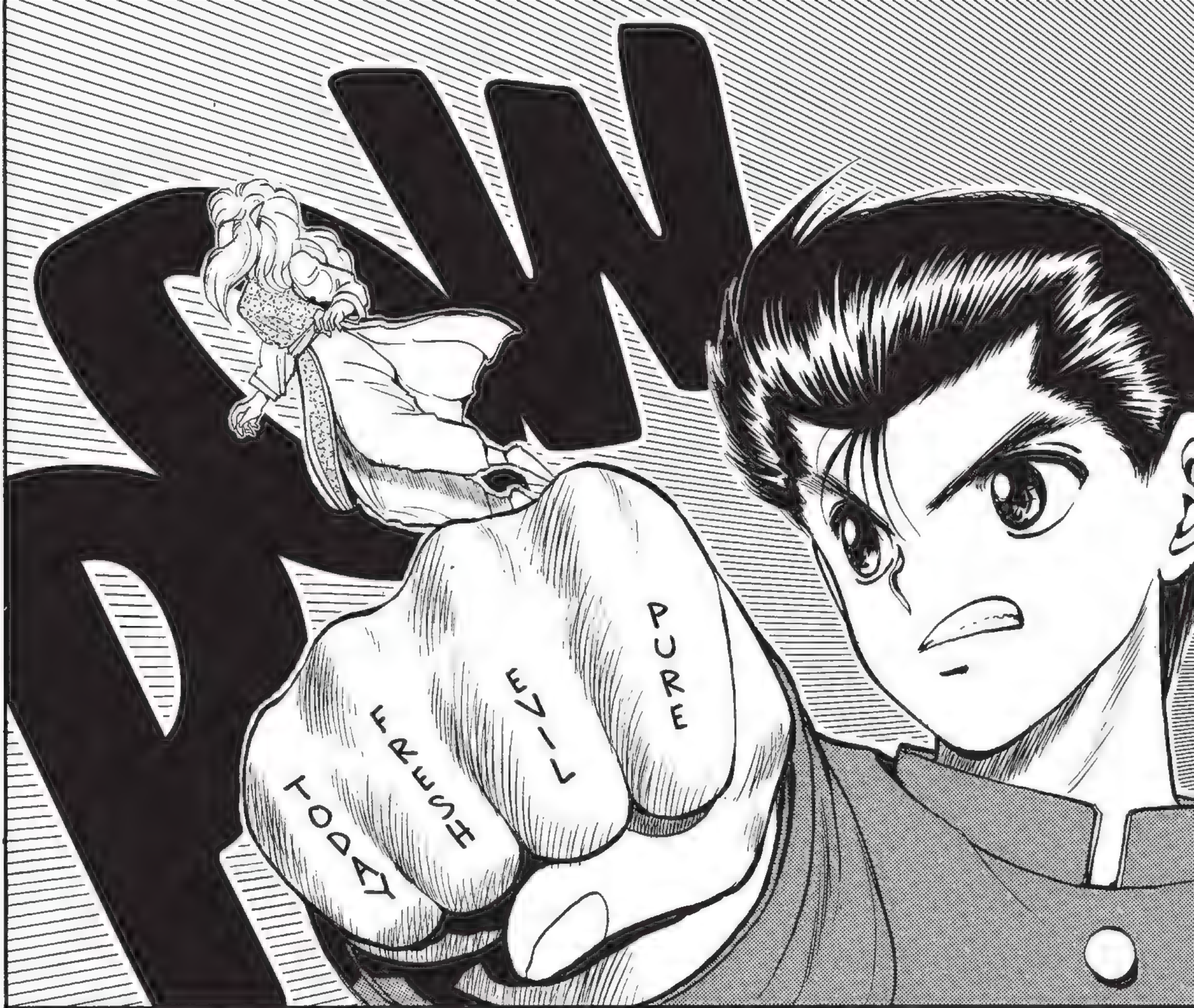
DOOM



I CAN'T
FIGHT A
GIRL!

SHE'S A
GIRL!!





ALONG WITH HIS
OTHER TALENTS,
YUSUKE'S
UNPARALLELED
PICKPOCKET SKILLS
HAVE BEEN
GREATLY
ENHANCED.

MOOSH

ON THAT
FIRST PASS I
DISCOVERED
"HER" BUST
WAS EITHER AN
IMPLANT OR
PADDING...

...AND
THAT "SHE"
WAS PACKIN'
MIGHTY HEAVY
DOWN-
STAIRS.

GAWD...
CAN'T DECIDE IF
I'M IMPRESSED
OR GROSSED
OUT!

INCREDIBLE!
I DIDN'T SEE
ANY OF THAT!

OH,
REALLY?

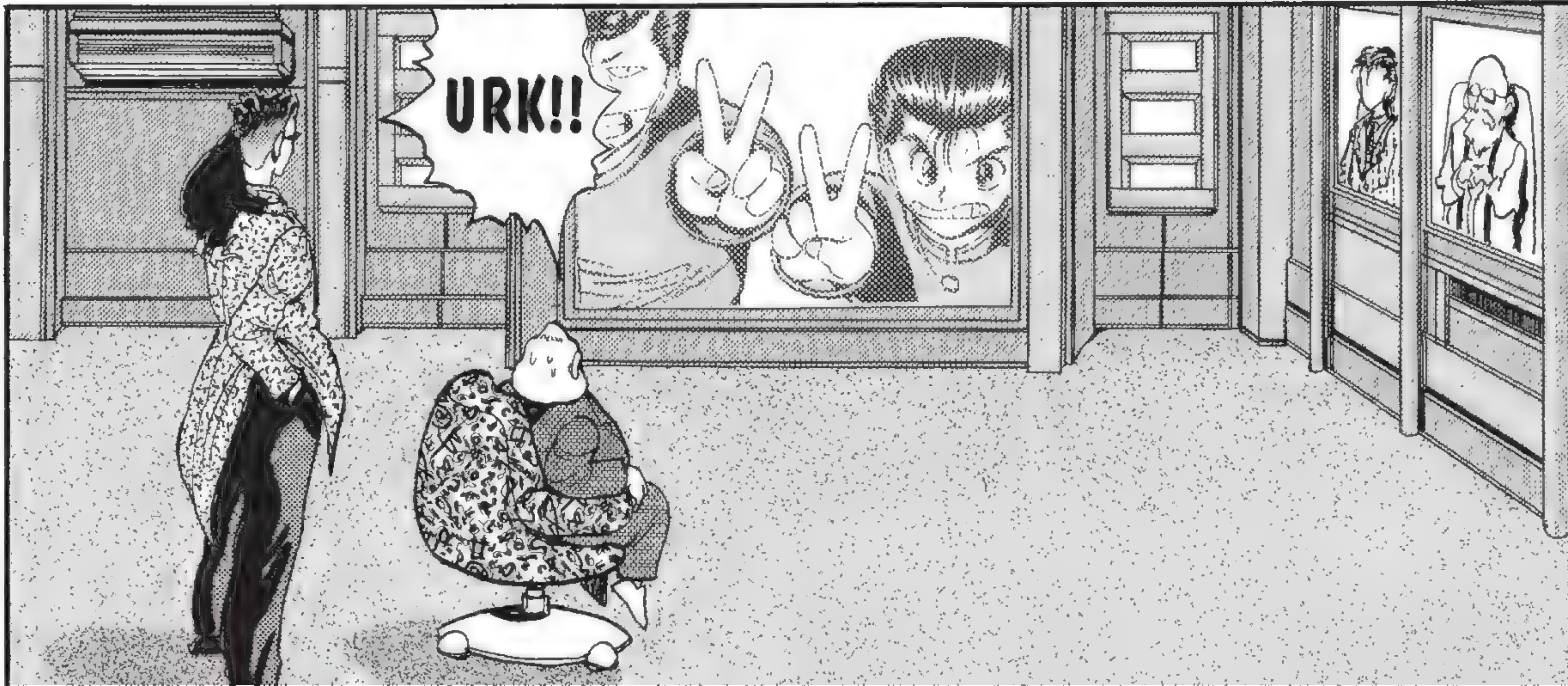
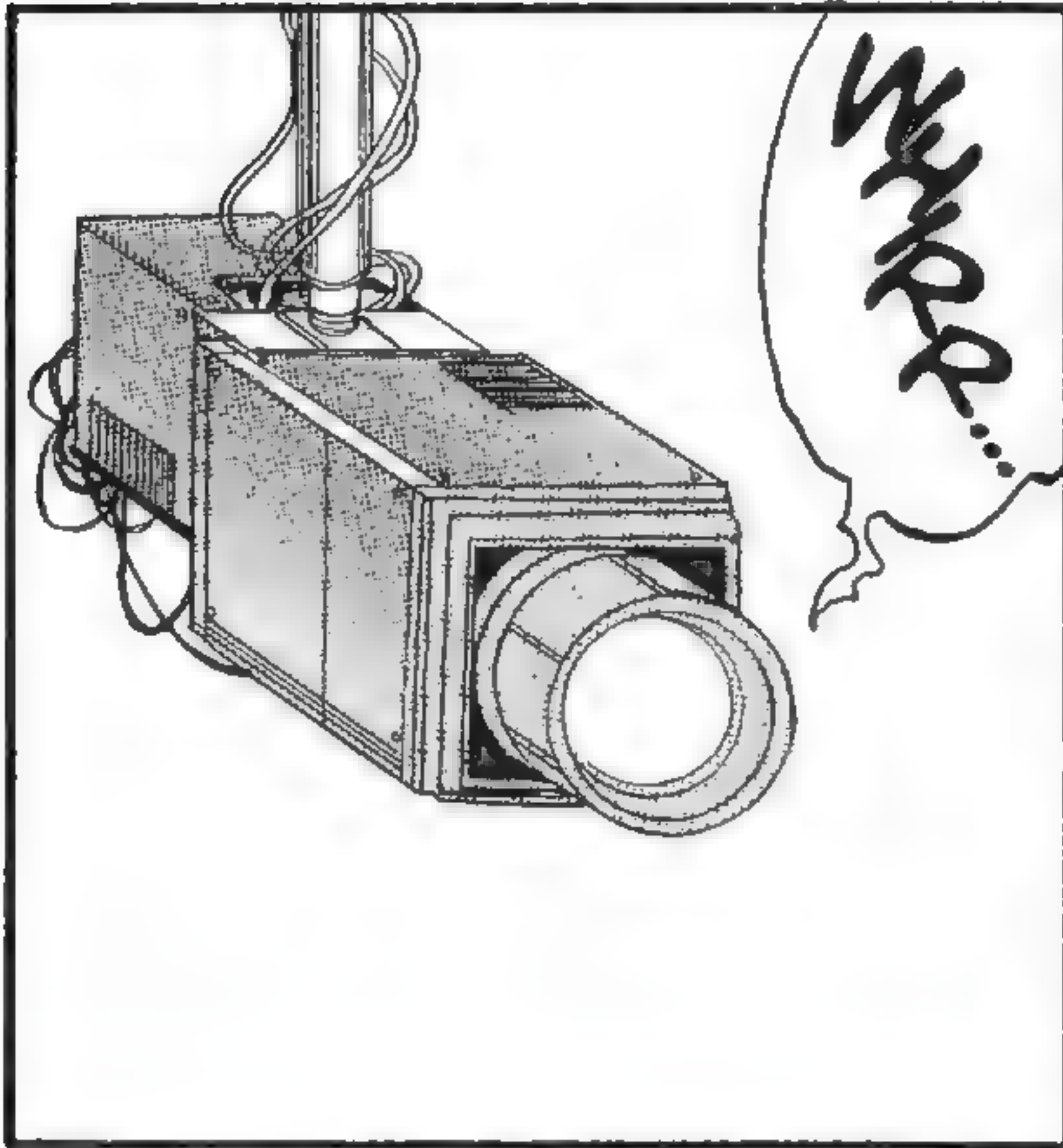
WHAT A
LOAD!!

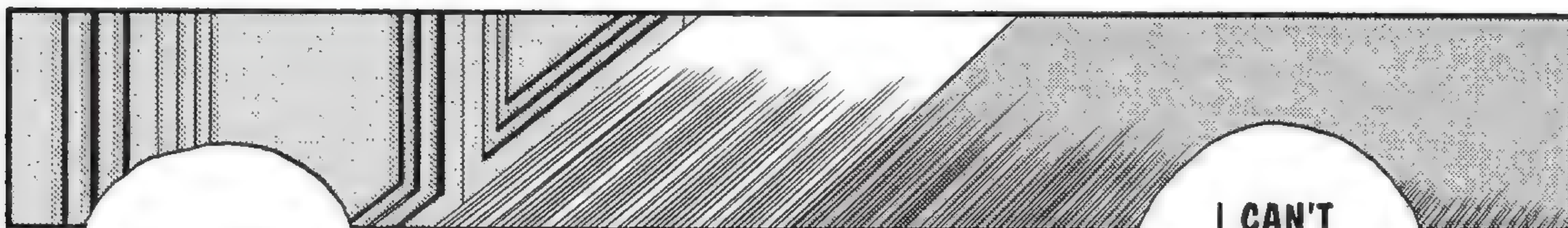
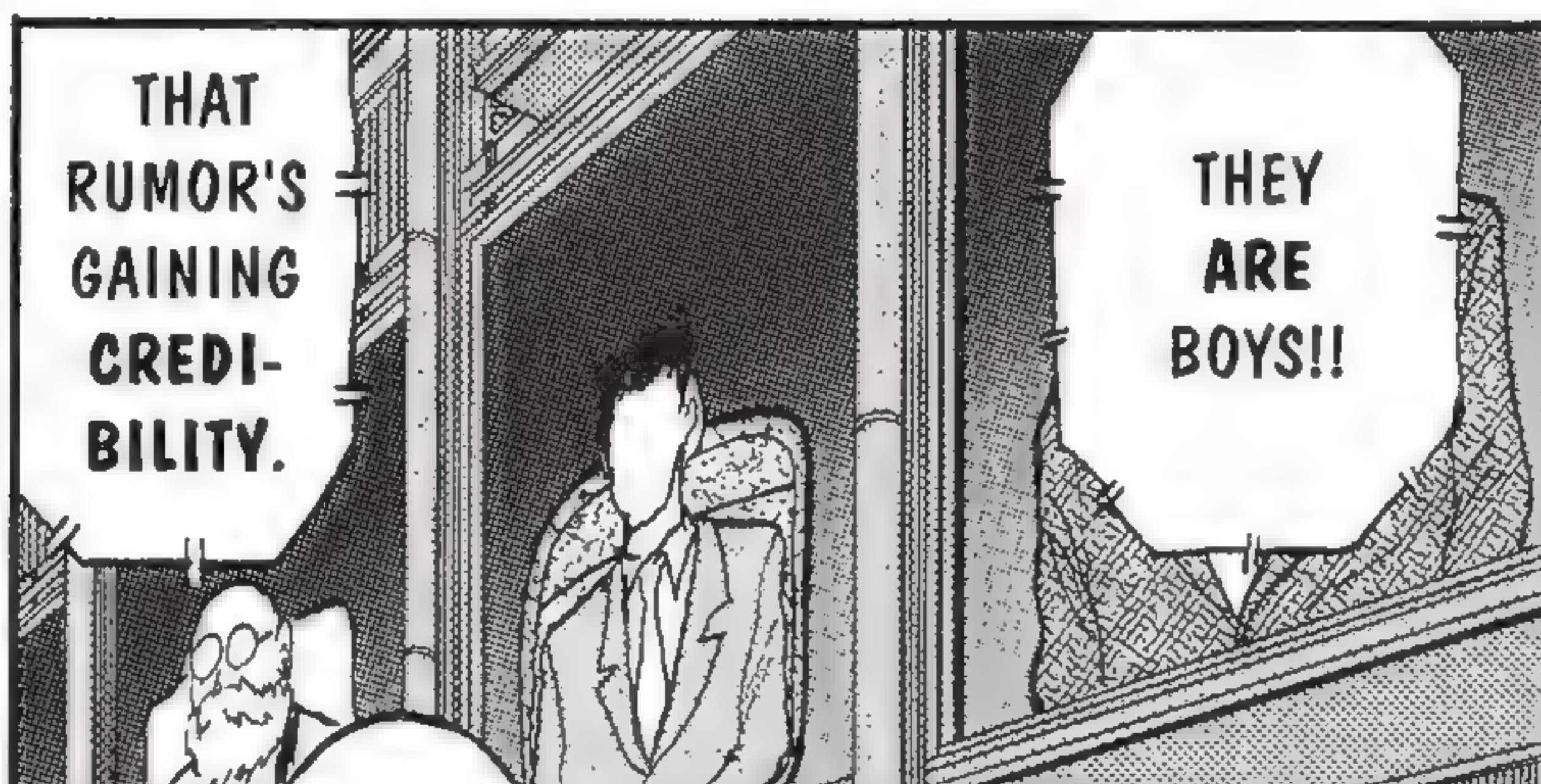
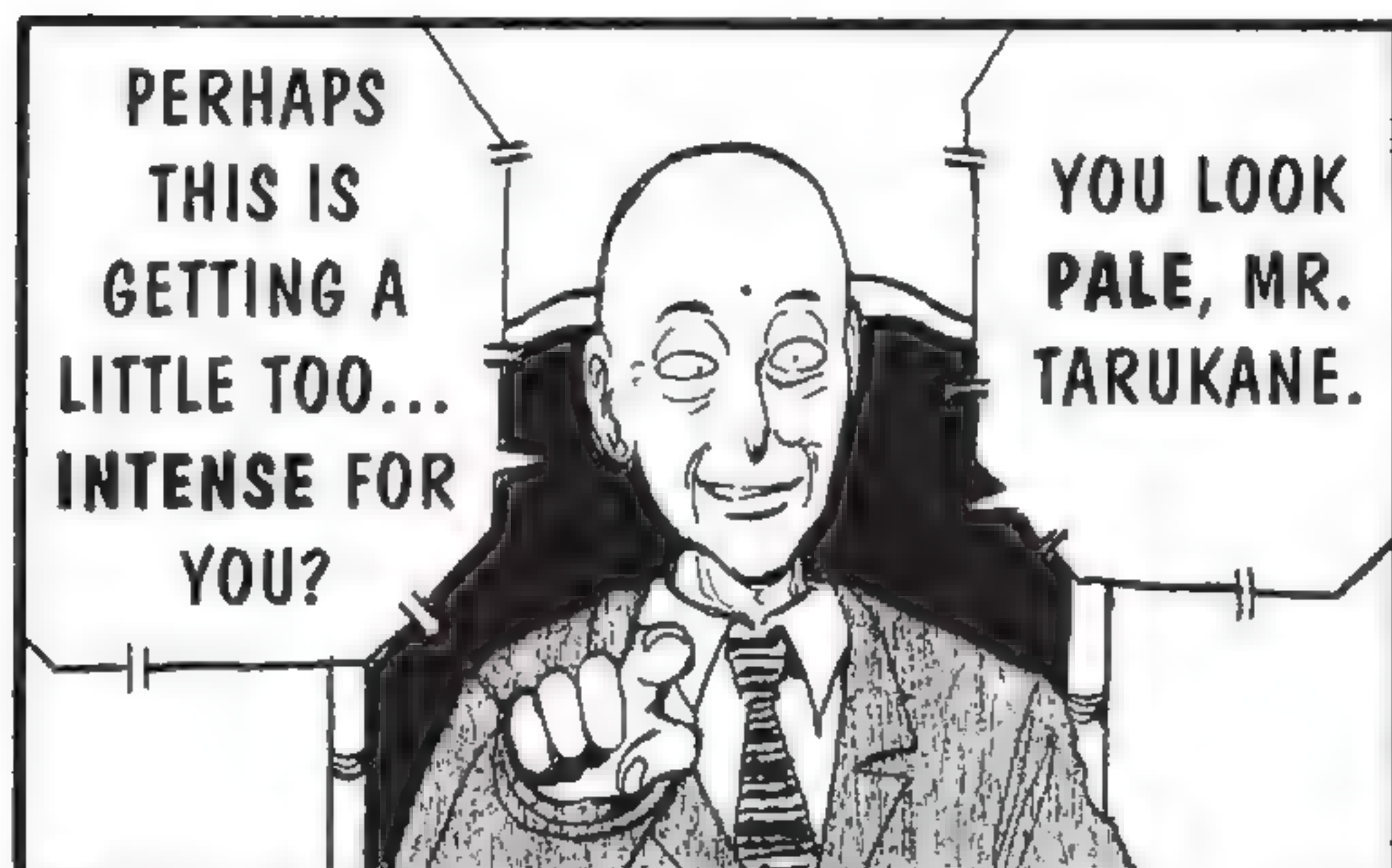
I'M A MAN
IN BODY,
BUT MY
SOUL IS A
WOMAN'S!!

BIGOT!
YOU BEAT ON
ME BECAUSE
I'M DIF-
FERENT!

YOU MIGHT
WANNA DO
THAT BEFORE
YOU GET INTO
ANY MORE
FIGHTS!!

YOU'RE NOT A
REAL CROSS-
DRESSER —
YOU JUST CAN'T
MAKE UP YOUR
MIND!







UNH!

SLASH

LOOK
OUT!!



GREETINGS!
I'M VERTEX
TWO:
INMAKI!!



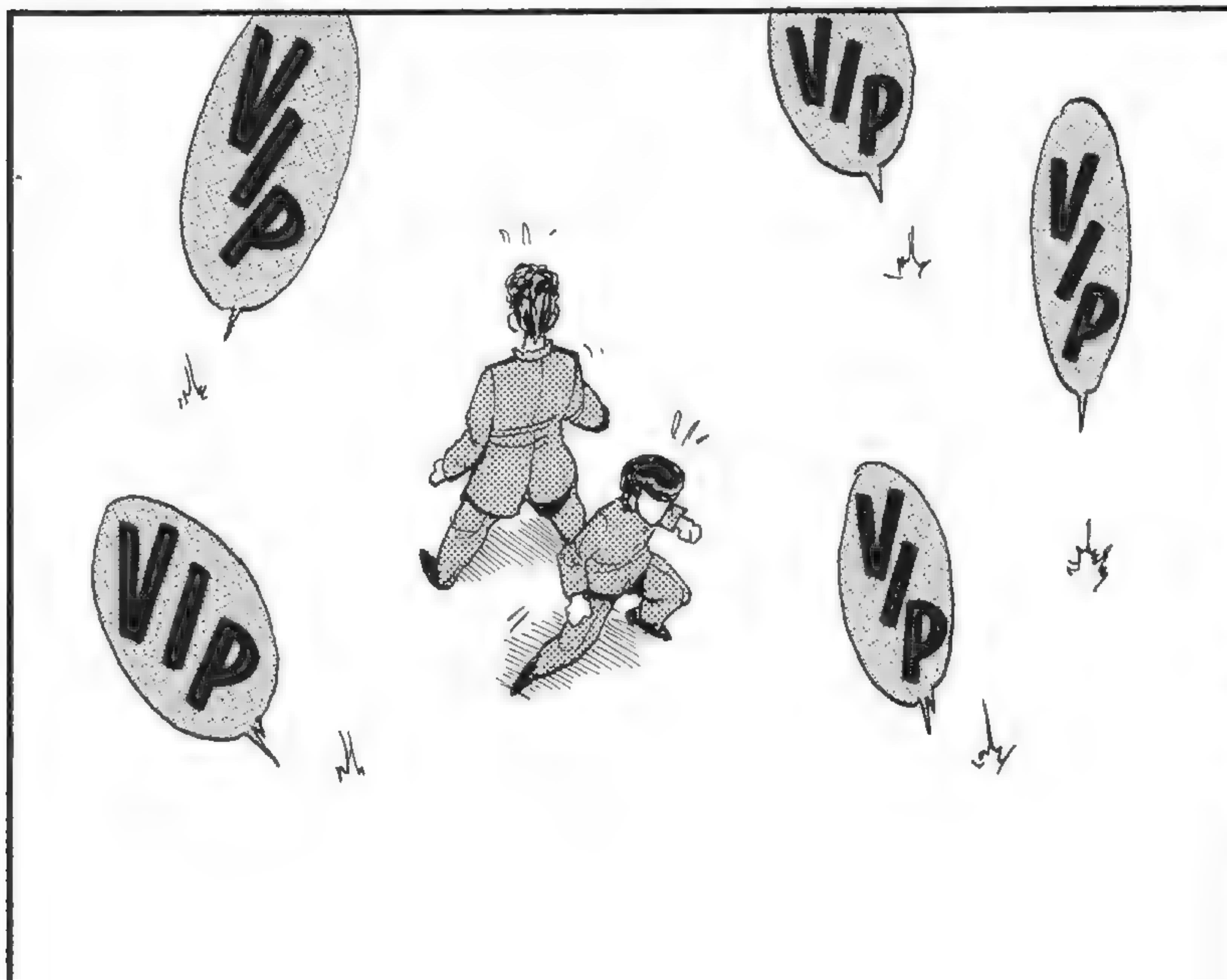
HEH
HEH...



FEET



FLIP



VIP

VIP

VIP

VIP

VIP



DIDYA SEE
THAT?!
HIS
CAPE —
— IT
MADE HIM
INVIS-
IBLE!!



CAN YOU
PINPOINT
HIM?!

NO! HE'S
TOO FAST!
DIRECTION
KEEPS
SHIFTING!

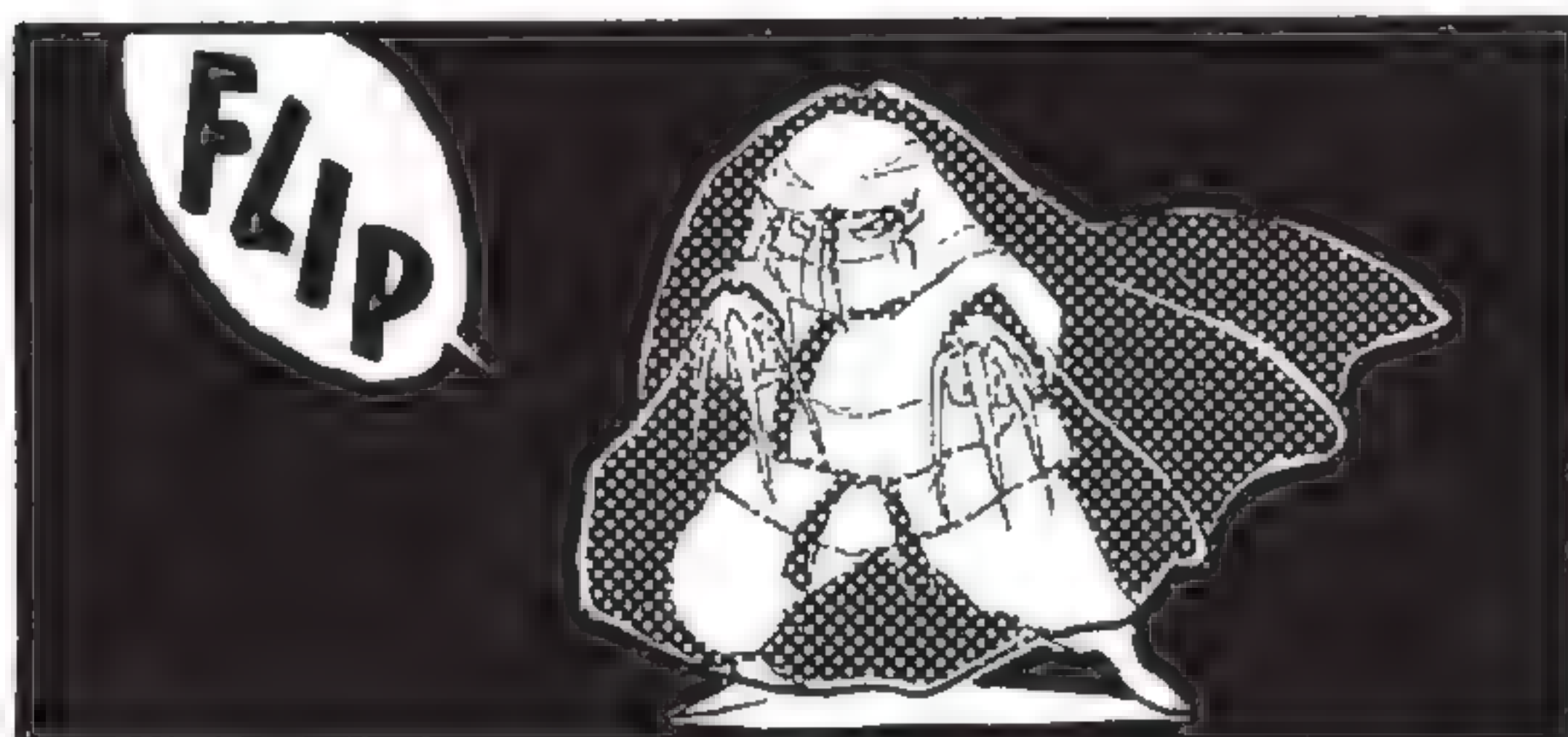


CAN'T FIGHT
WHAT YOU
CAN'T SEE.

HEH
HEH...



CRIPES!
LET'S
SCRAM!!



FLIP



NOW,
URA-
MESHI!!

Scot...



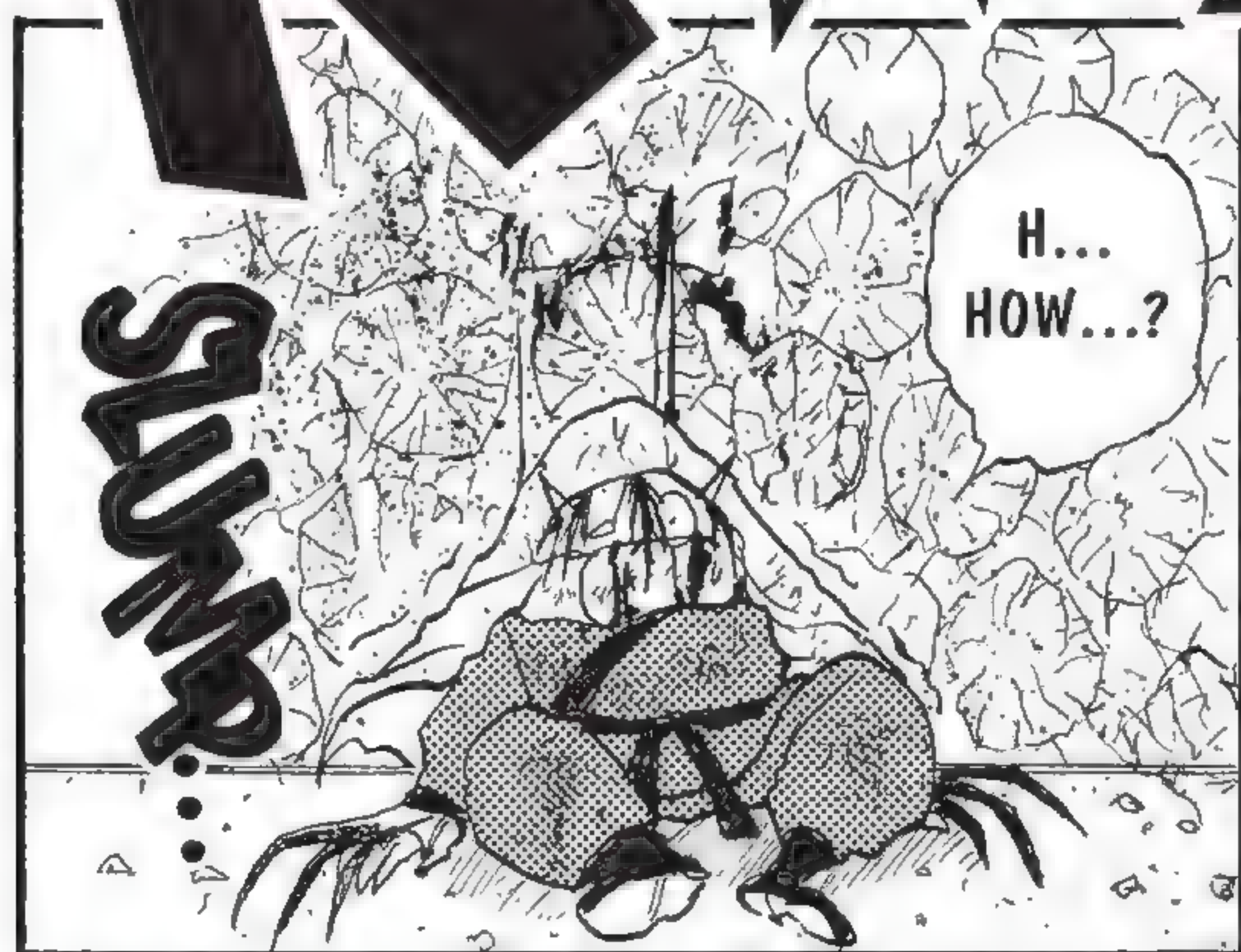
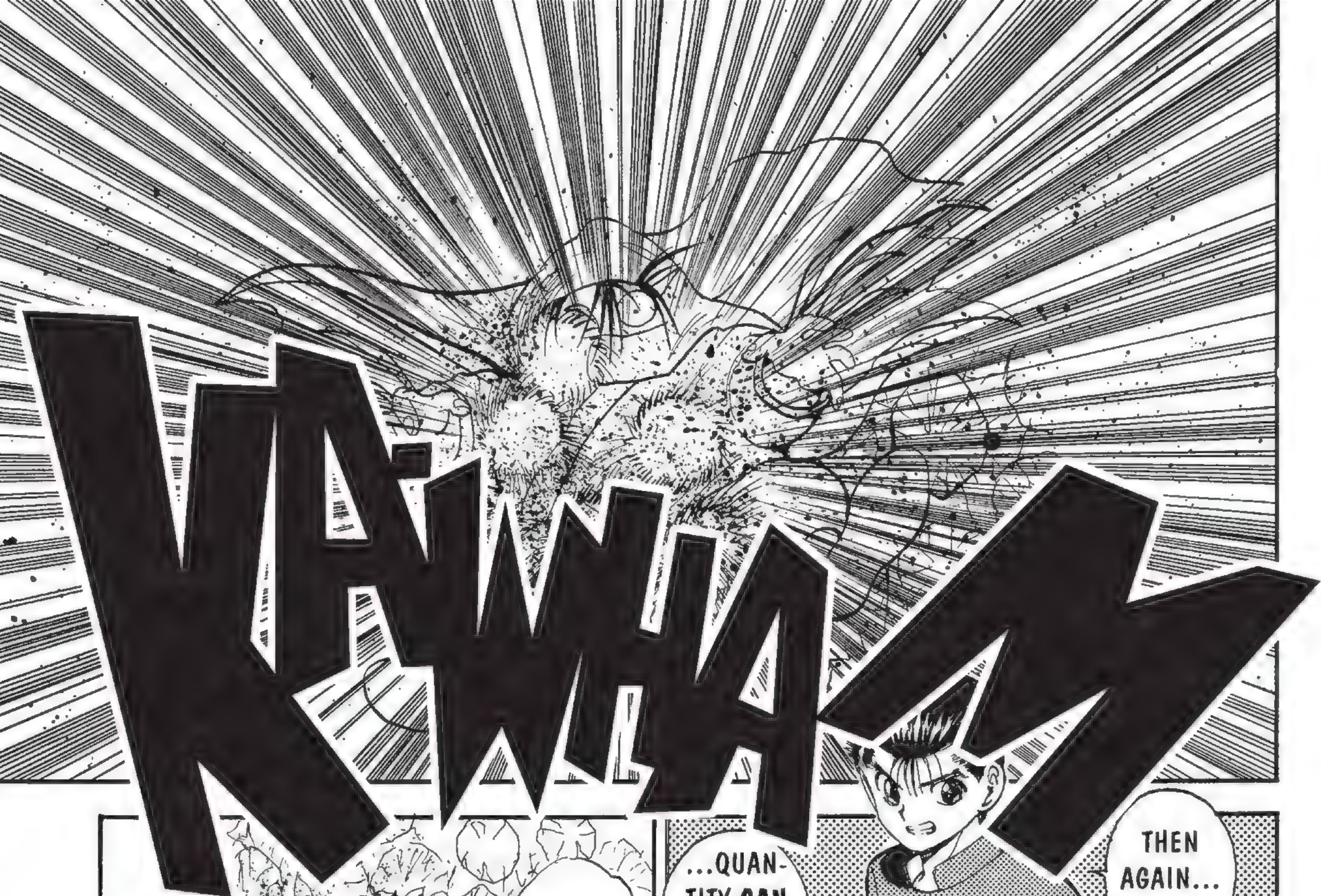
IT'S
NO
USE!



DASH



POW POW POW POW POW



H...
HOW...?

...QUAN-
TITY CAN
BE
USEFUL.

THEN
AGAIN...



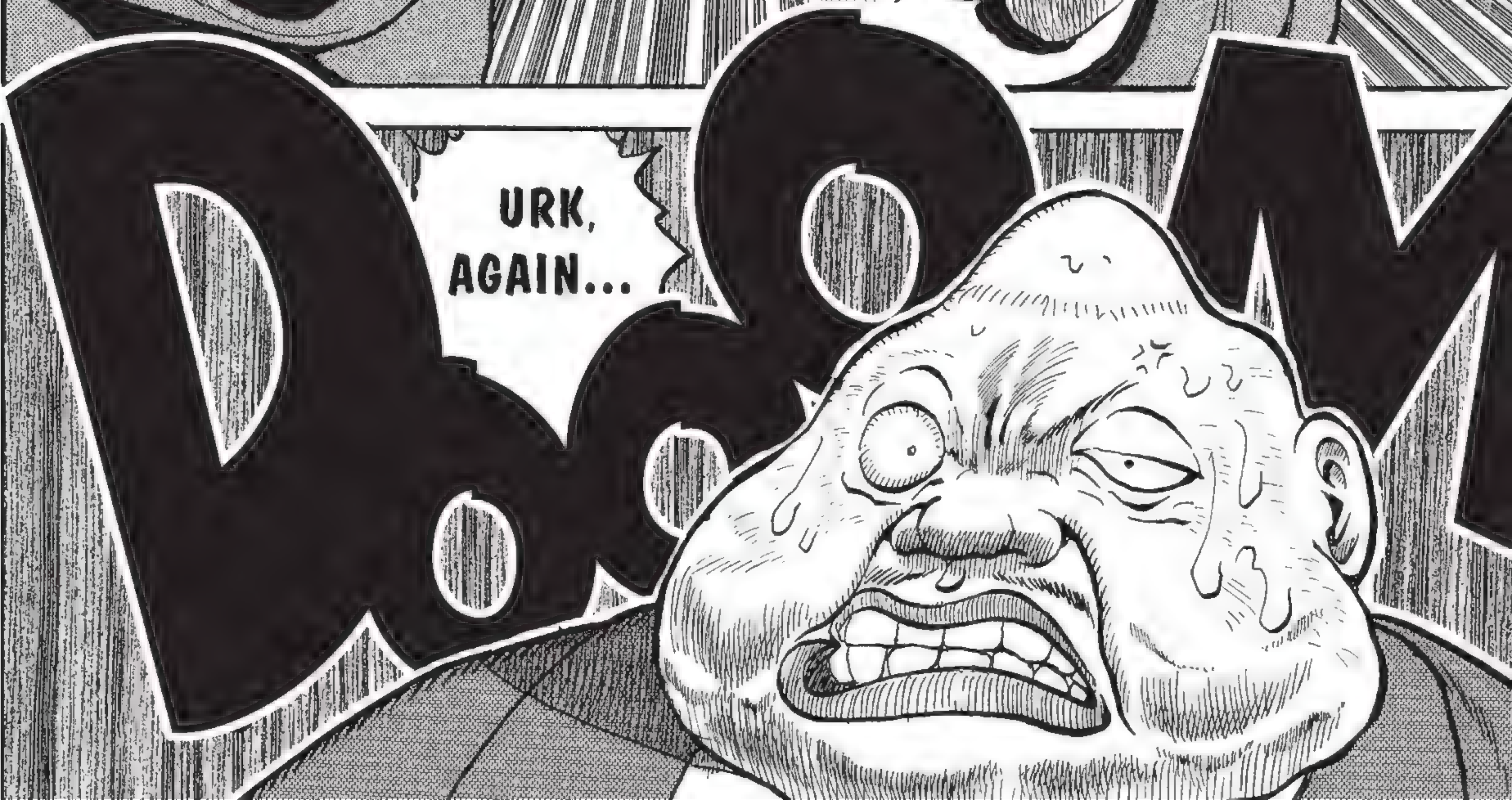
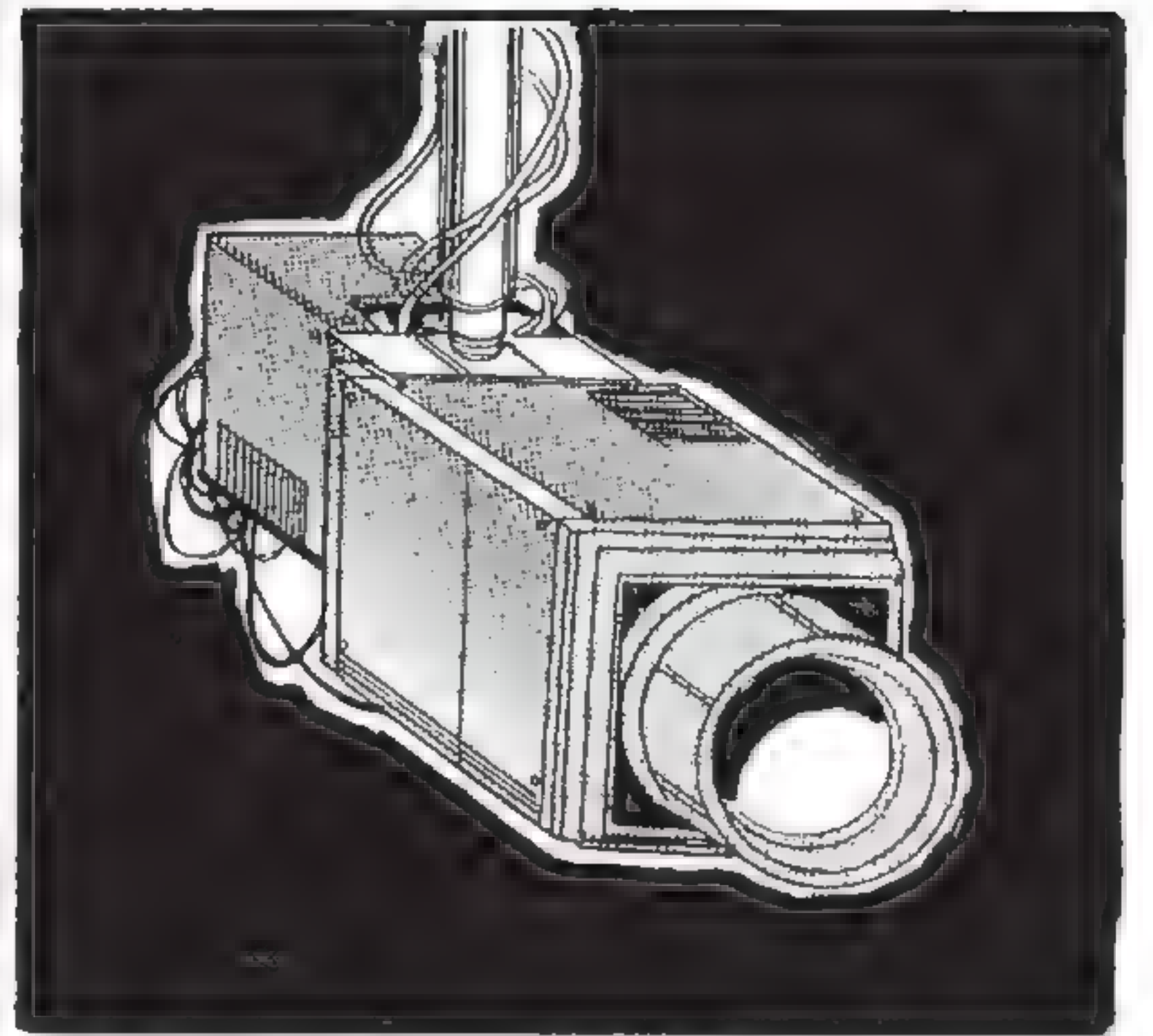
ONCE KUWABARA
GAVE THE SIGNAL,
I JUST FILLED
THAT DOORWAY
WITH REIKI
BLASTS...

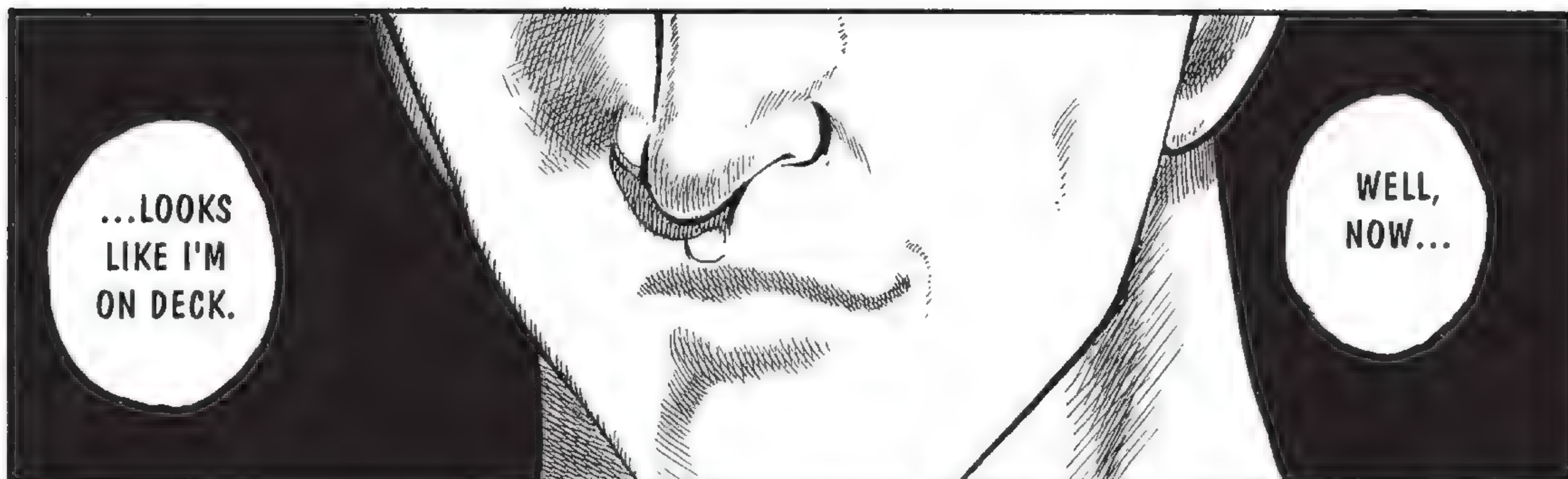
...SOME OF
WHICH WERE
BOUND TO
HIT.

THAT CAPE
HID YOU
FROM SIGHT,
BUT NOT MY
SIXTH SENSE.

AN'
YOU'RE NOT MUCH
TO SPEAK OF ONCE
YOU LOSE THE
ADVANTAGE OF
INVISIBILITY.







...LOOKS
LIKE I'M
ON DECK.

WELL,
NOW...



...I'VE FELT
SUCH
ANTICIPATION!

CAN'T
REMEMBER THE
LAST TIME...



HOPE I
GET MY
SHOT.

POOR

POOR

DICE ROSHAMBOXING

("ROLLING FOR ROSHAMBOXING" OR JUST "ROSHAMBOXING"
--ROSHAMBO IS A FANCY NAME FOR ROCK - PAPER - SCISSORS)

- 1) FIRST, PLAY ROCK - PAPER - SCISSORS; THE WINNER GETS TO MAKE ONE ATTACK.
- 2) THE WINNER ROLLS THE DIE TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF PUNCH.

DIE ROLL	PUNCH TYPE	ATTACK VALUE	ONCE YOU KNOW THE TYPE OF PUNCH, SUBTRACT THE NUMBER OF ITS ATTACK VALUE FROM YOUR OPPONENT'S HP.
1	JAB	1	*SPECIAL RULE: A BOXER'S "BEST PUNCH" ATTACK VALUE BECOMES A 3. (FOR EXAMPLE, WHITE TIGER'S "BEST PUNCH" IS AN UPPERCUT, SO HIS UPPERCUTS ARE WORTH A 3.)
2			
3	STRAIGHT	2	
4	KO PUNCH	4	
5	HOOK	2	
6	UPPERCUT	2	

- 3) REPEAT STEPS (1) AND (2) THREE TIMES TO COMPLETE ONE ROUND.

(THAT MEANS IF YOU LOSE IN ROCK - PAPER - SCISSORS ALL THREE TIMES, YOU CAN'T ATTACK AT ALL IN THAT ROUND.)

- 4) YOUR HP WILL RECOVER BY TWO POINTS AT THE END OF EACH ROUND (IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN KO'ED).

(IF YOUR HP BAR IS FULL, IT DOESN'T INCREASE FURTHER.)

REPEAT STEPS (1)-(4). THE ONE WHOSE HP GOES DOWN TO ZERO FIRST GETS KO'ED.



THE LAST GAMBLE!!



THAT'S
THREE!!

YOUR TIME'S
RUN OUT,
TARUKANE!!

I DIDN'T
EVEN
INTRO-
DUCE
MYSELF...



...THEY'D BE THIS
POWERFUL!!

I HAD NO
IDEA...



...IN
NO
TIME
FLAT!!

THEY TOOK
DOWN THE
OGRE
TRIAD...

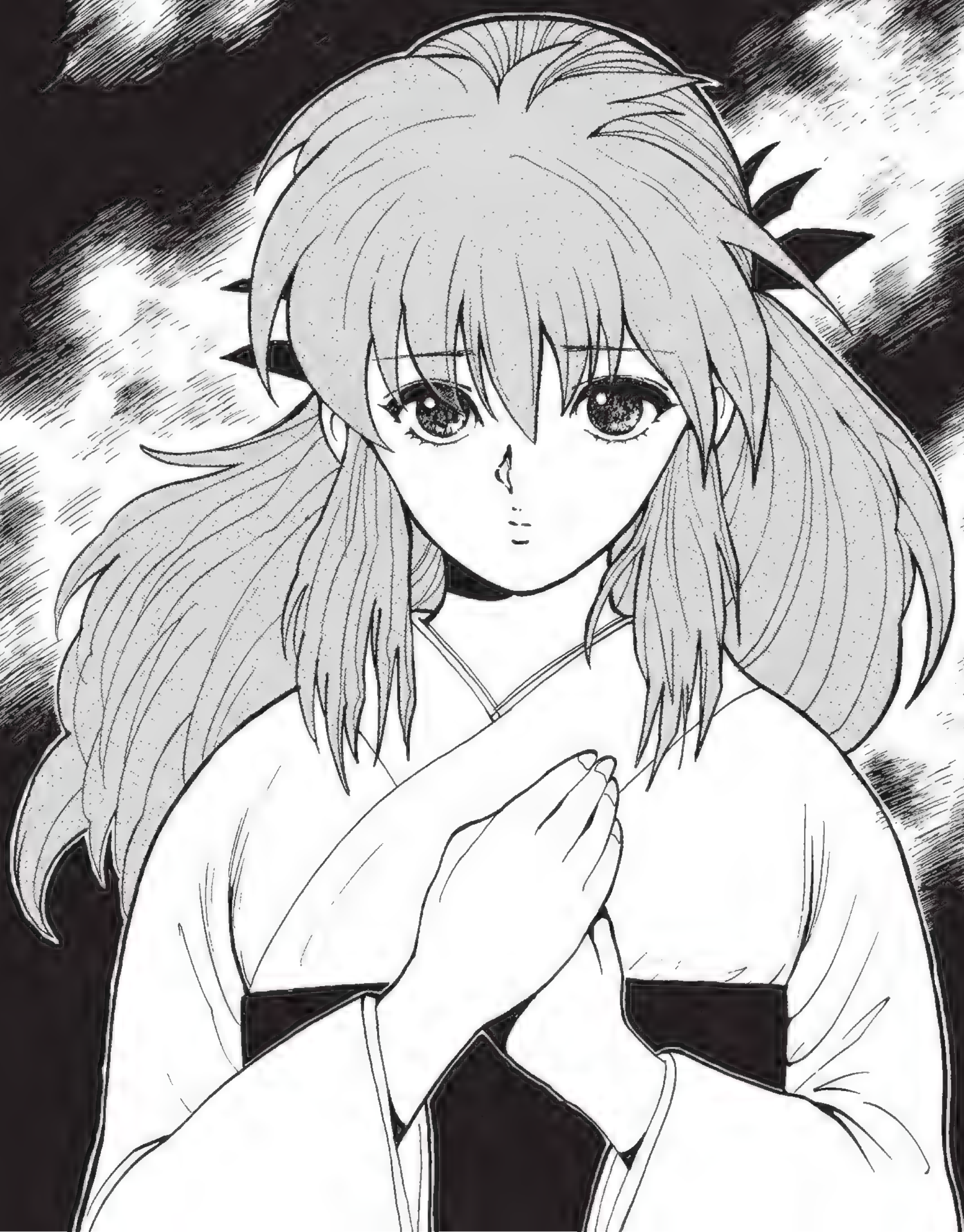


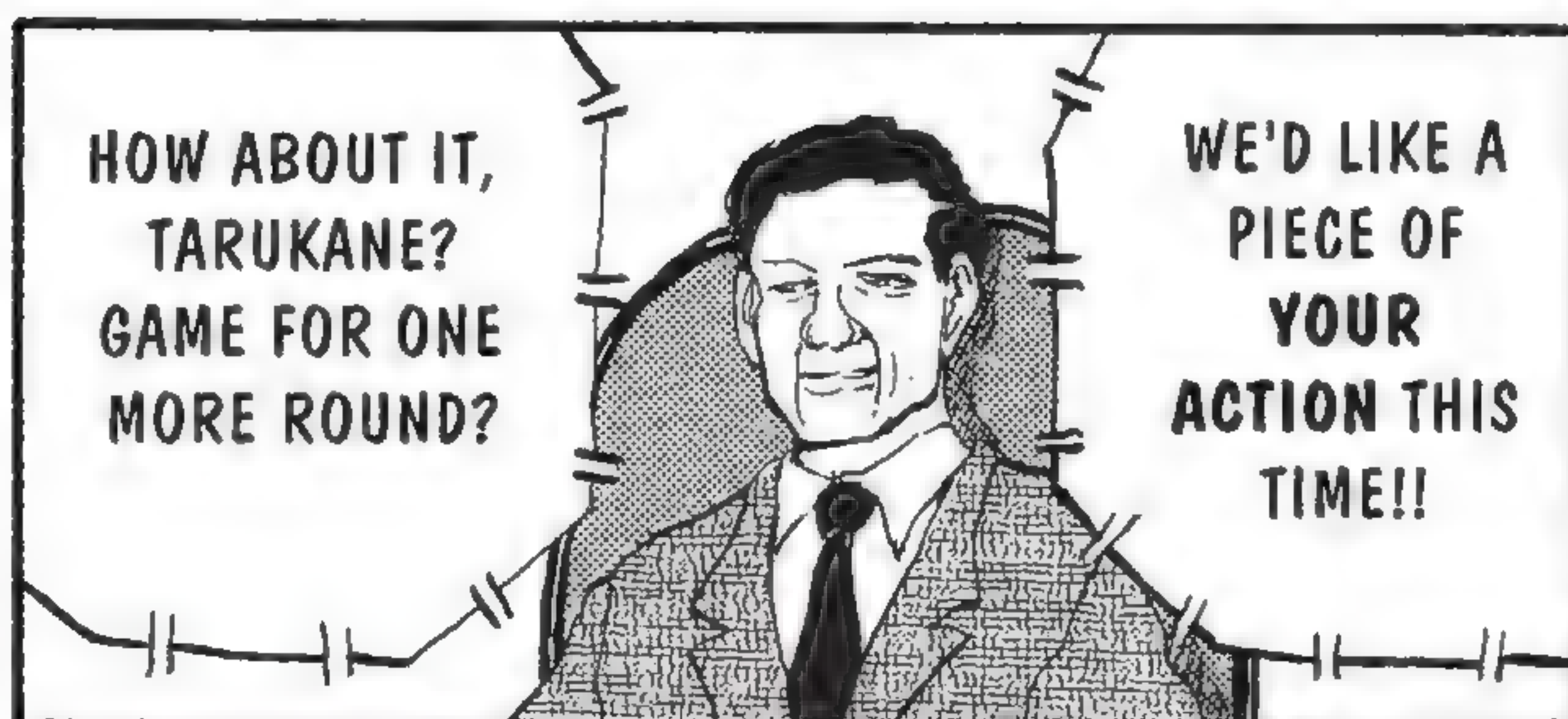
ARR...

URK!

BLAST
THOSE
TWO!!

THE LAST GAMBLE!!





**WHICH
SHALL
TRIUMPH?!**

**...FOR LAST--
THE TOGURO
BROTHERS
VS. THE
INTRUDERS!!**

**HEH HEH.
BET THE FARM ON THE INTRUDERS,
I DARE YOU.
I'LL RECOUP ALL MY LOSSES...!!**

**MAKE YOUR
SELECTION,
MR. SAKYO.**

EH...

...?

**...
WHAT?**

**SIXTY SIX
TRILLION,
200
BILLION...**

**SIXTY SIX
TRILLION,
200 BILLION
YEN ON THE
INTRUDERS.**



IT WILL
MAKE THIS
CONTEST
PARTICULARLY
INTERESTING.

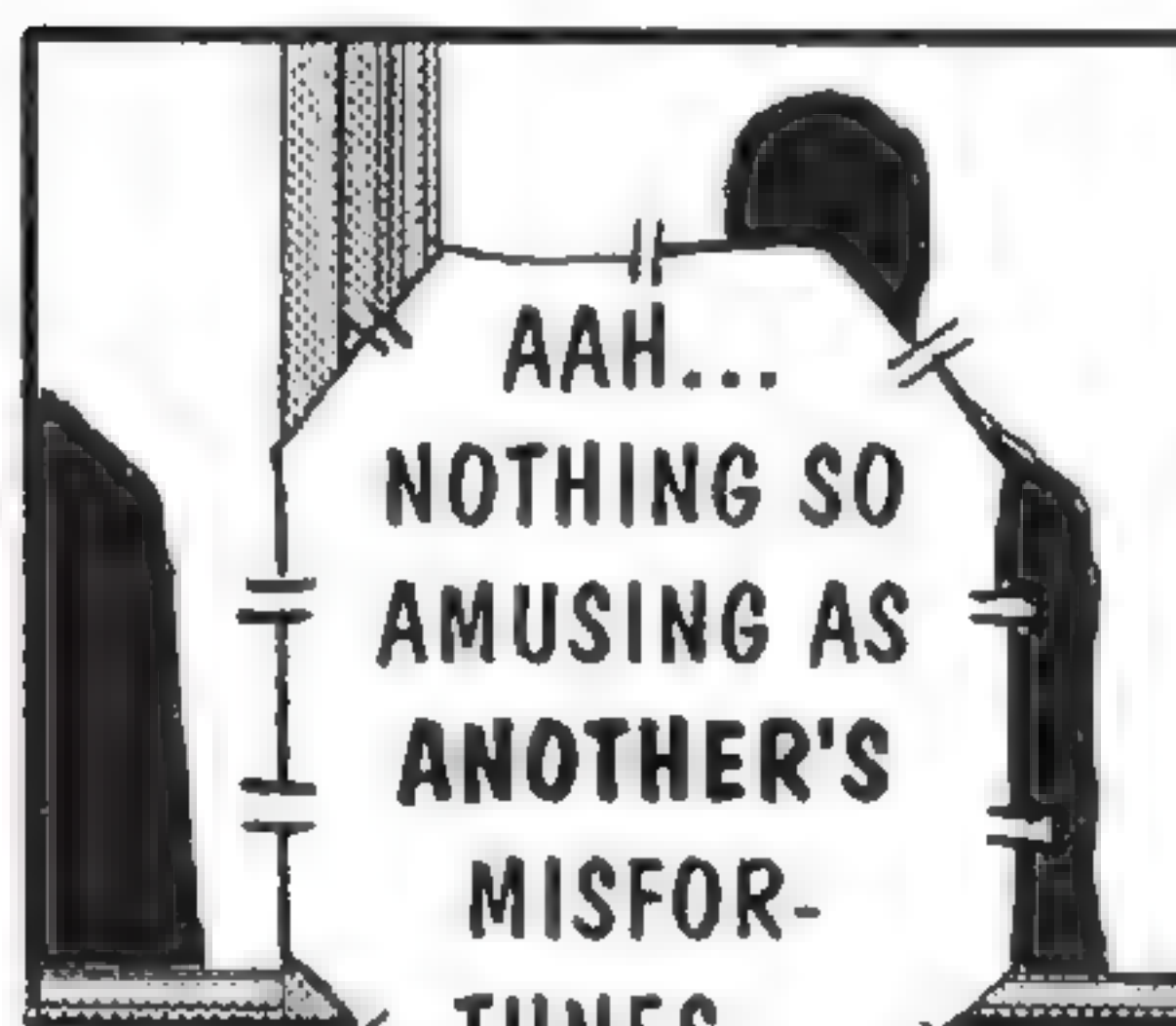
OH,
I'M QUITE
SERIOUS.

YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS!!

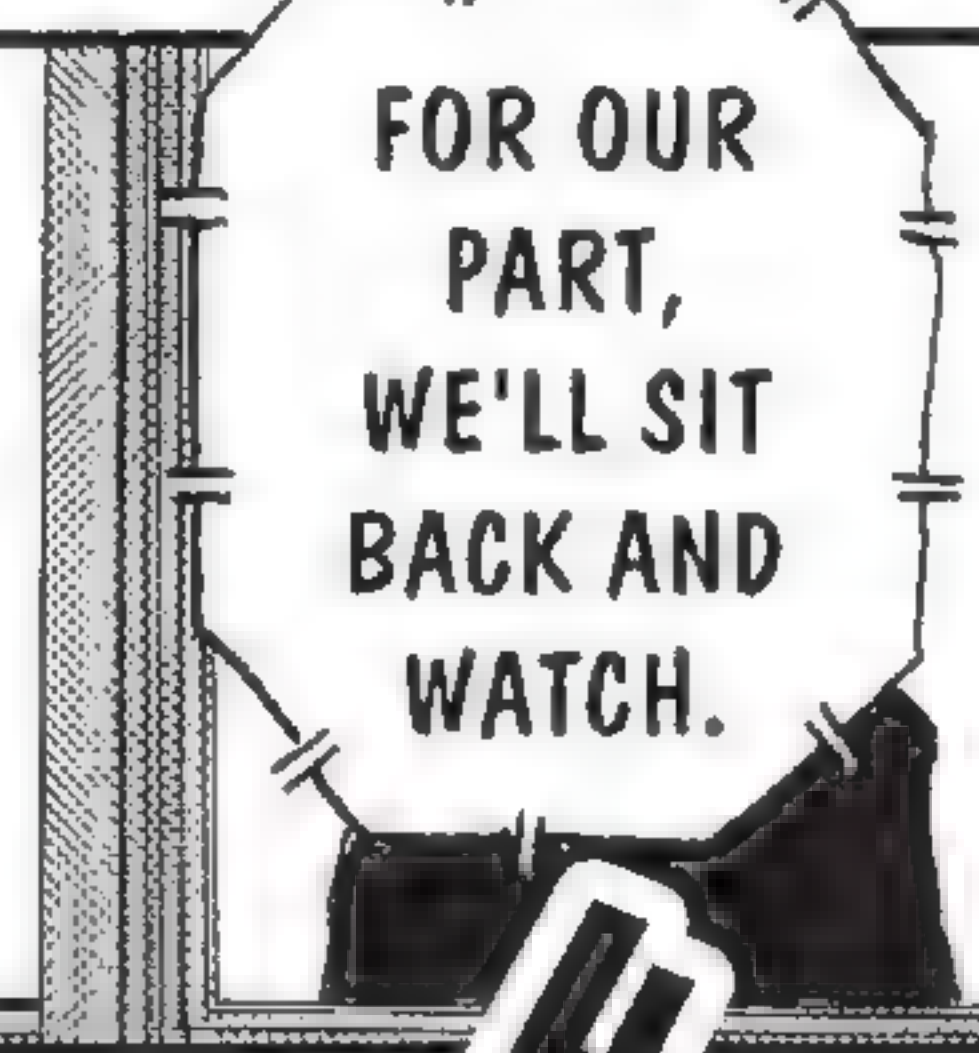


SIXTY SIX TRILLION,
200 BILLION?!
THAT'S THE ENTIRE
JAPANESE GOVERN-
MENT'S BUDGET!!

SHOCK!!



AAH...
NOTHING SO
AMUSING AS
ANOTHER'S
MISFOR-
TUNES...



FOR OUR
PART,
WE'LL SIT
BACK AND
WATCH.



HEH
HEH
HEH

YOU
PROPOSED
THESE GAMES,
AND BBC RULES
DICTATE YOU
FINISH.



HEH
HEH
HEH

NO
BACKING
DOWN NOW,
MR.
TARUKANE.



OR...
DOES HE KNOW SOMETHING
ABOUT THE TEARS OF ICE?
COULDN'T BE...
I'VE KEPT IT AN
AIRTIGHT SECRET!!

SAKYO'S
INSANE!!



LET THE
CONTEST
BEGIN!!

ALL
RIGHT!
YOU'RE
ON!!



THING IS, IF I WIN,
ALL THAT MONEY
WILL BE MINE!!
— THIS WOULD BE...
MY ULTIMATE
GAMBLE!!



GEEZ...
FINALLY.



LET'S FIND
MY ICE MAIDEN
AND CLEAN
TARUKANE'S
CLOCK!

I DON'T
DETECT
ANY
DEMONS!



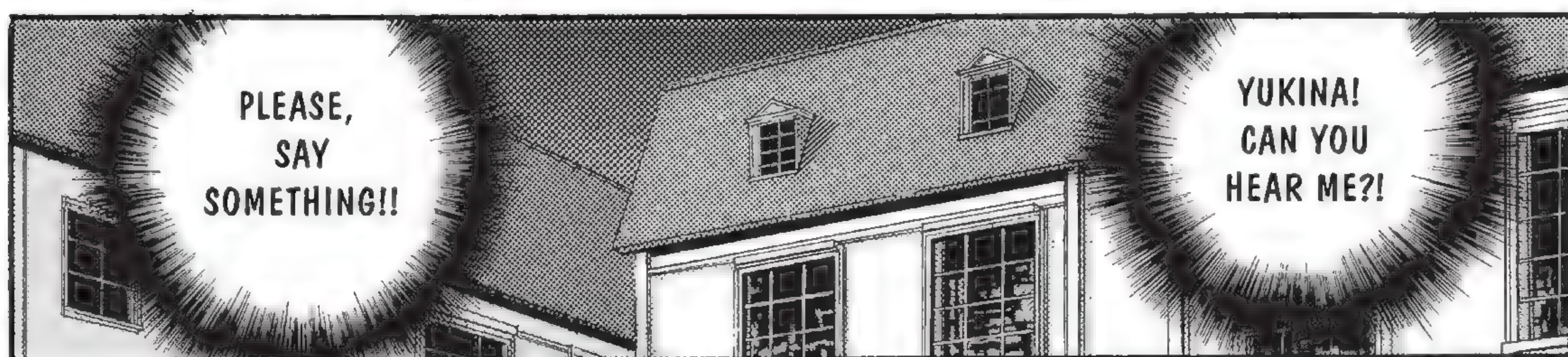
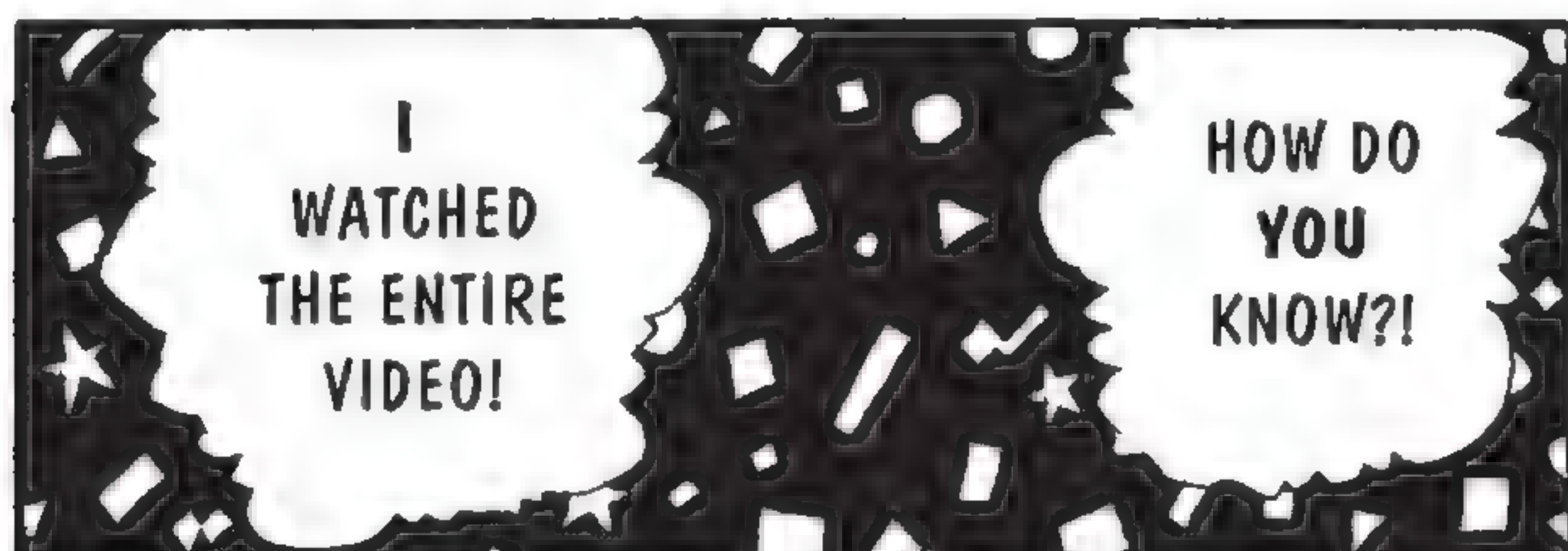
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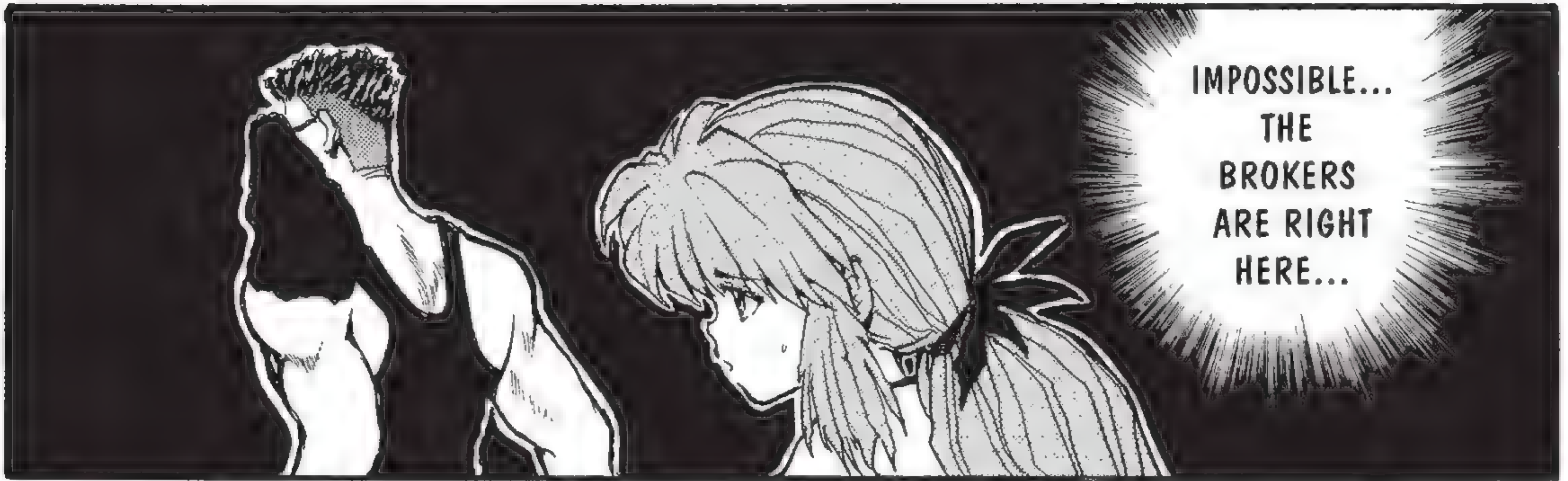


MAKE SURE
THE BBC
DOESN'T
FIND OUT.

SAKA-
SHITA!
BRING
YUKINA
HERE.

WARD
HER AS
NECESSARY
TO KEEP HER
FROM
RUNNING.





IMPOSSIBLE...
THE
BROKERS
ARE RIGHT
HERE...



LIKE IT
OR NOT,
YOU'RE BEING
RESCUED!!

YOU'RE
OUTSIDE THOSE
SUPPRESSING
WARDS!
I KNOW WHERE
YOU ARE!!



NOT A
WHIFF OF
POWERFUL
AURA THERE
AT ALL!

THEN
THEY'RE NO
THREAT.



....



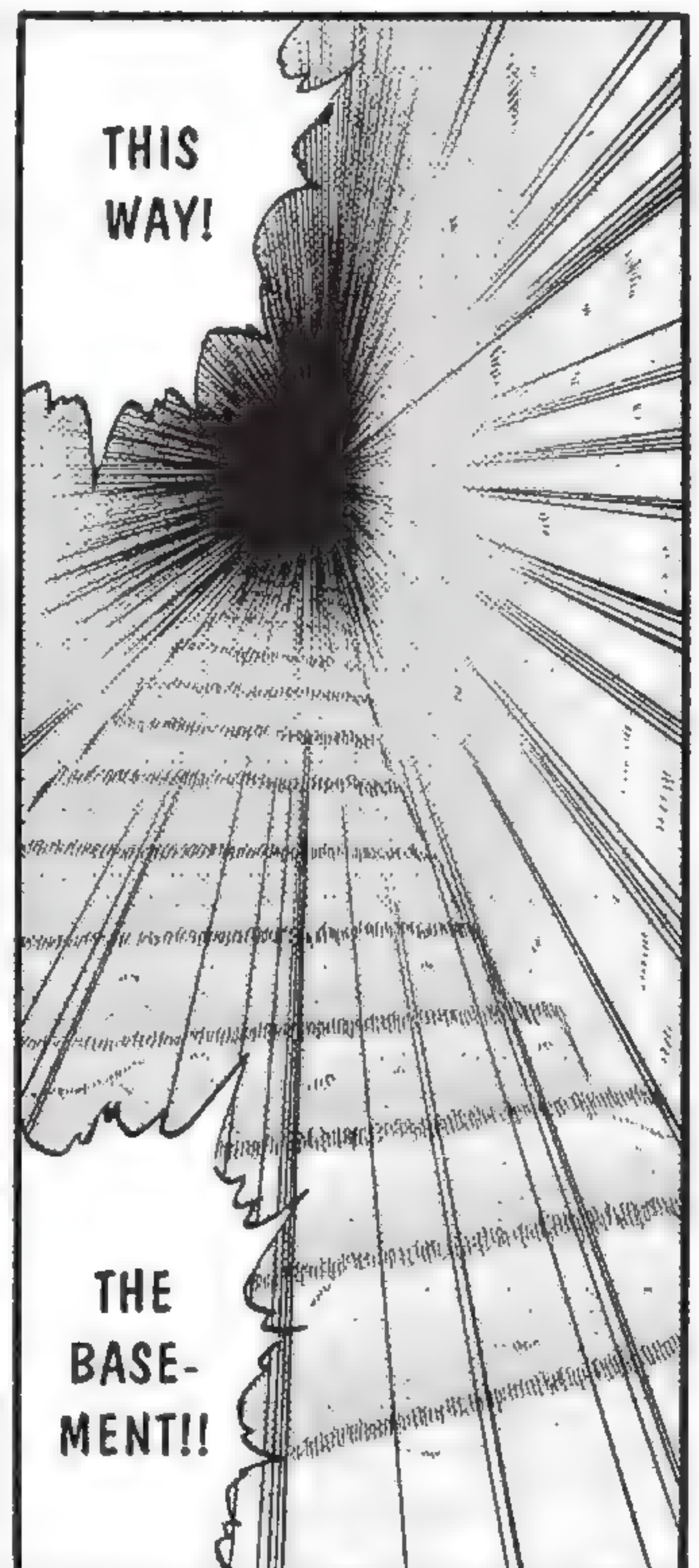
UH-OH!
THOSE
DOORS!!

BEFORE
THEY
CLOSE!



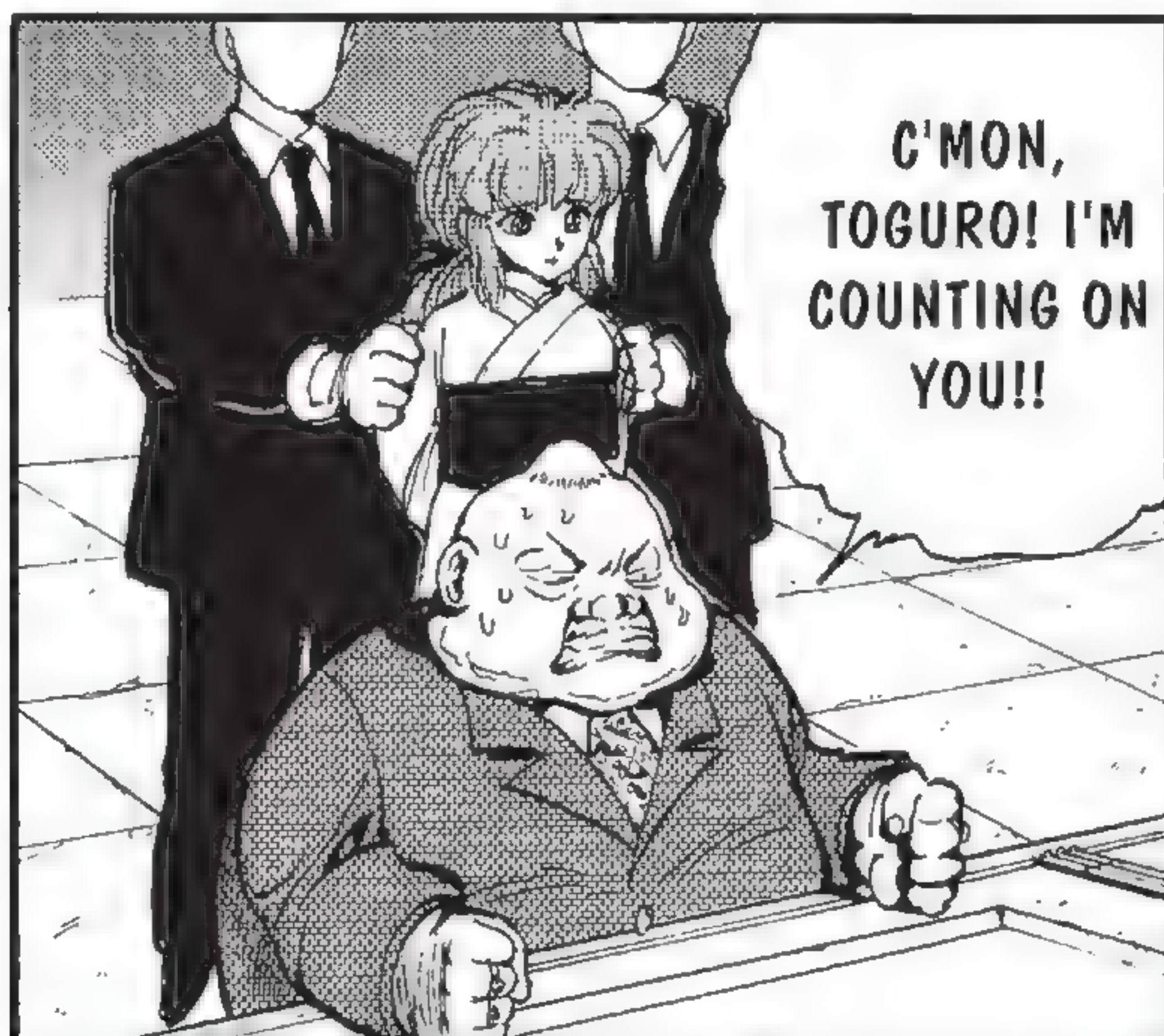
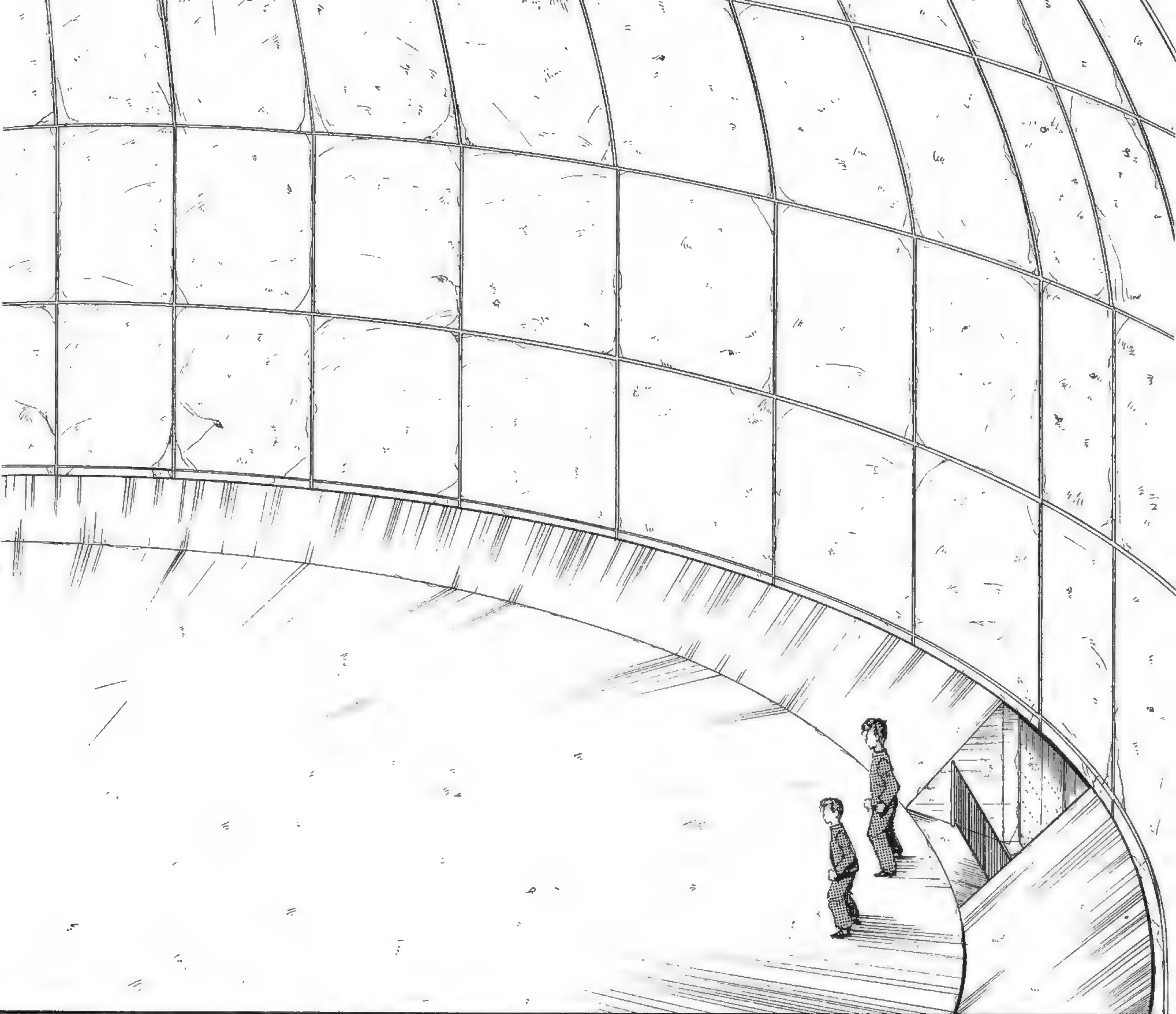
WHO
CARES?
ON-
WARD!!

ICK!
WHAT
THE HECK'S
THAT?!



THIS
WAY!

THE
BASE-
MENT!!



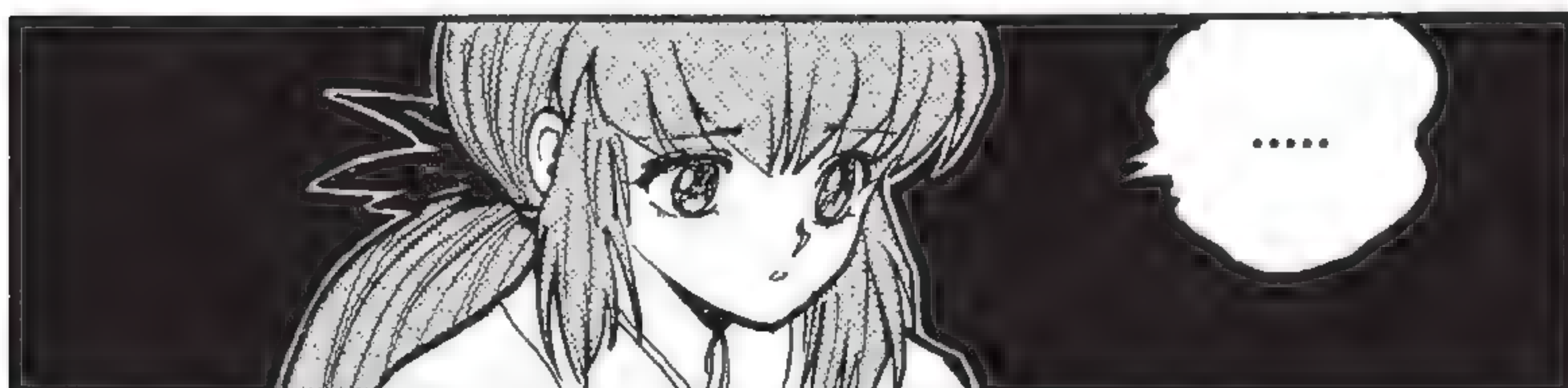
C'MON,
TOGURO! I'M
COUNTING ON
YOU!!



CHECK THOSE
BASTARDS ON
THE MONITORS,
WATCHING ALL
THIS.



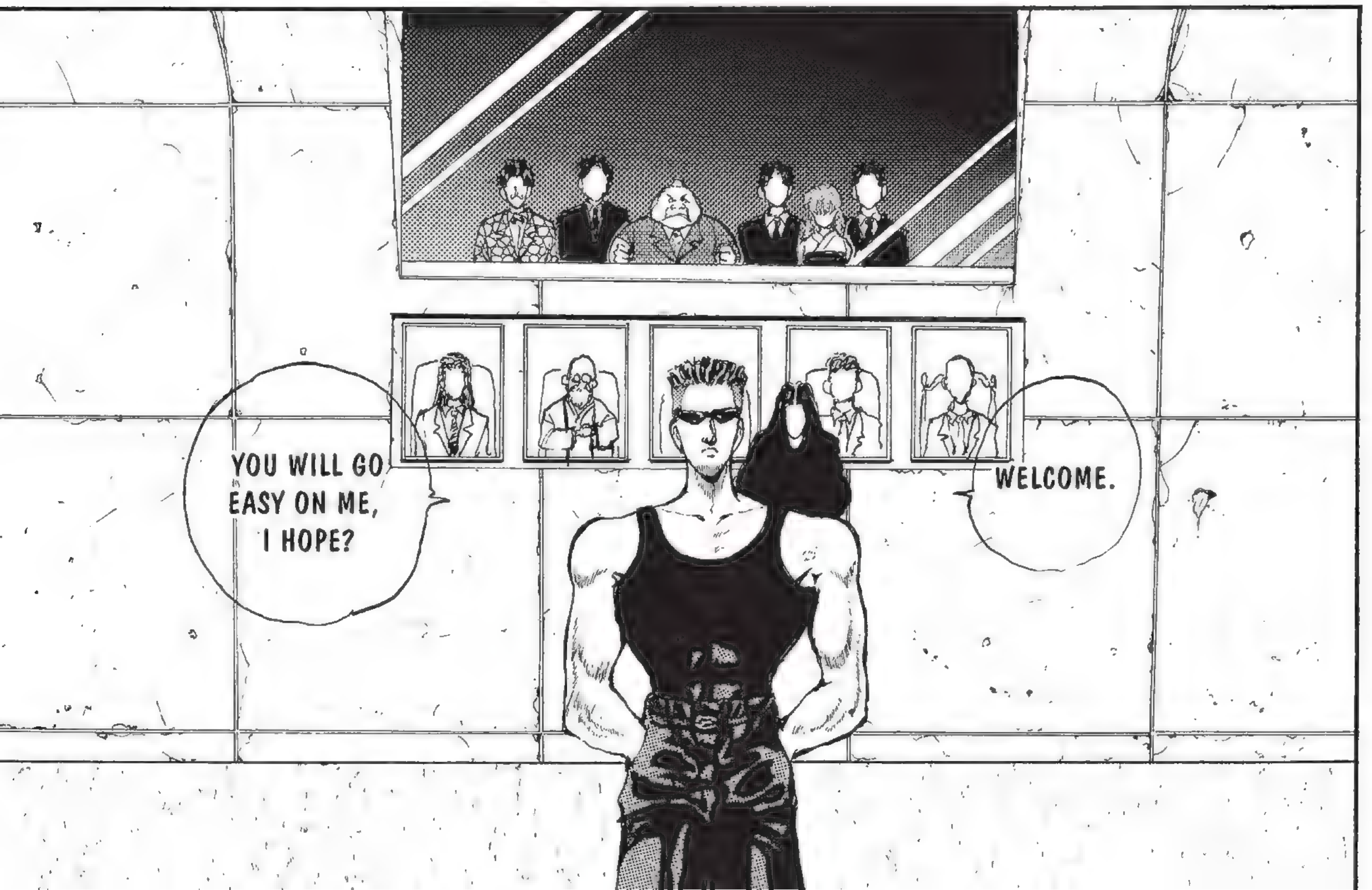
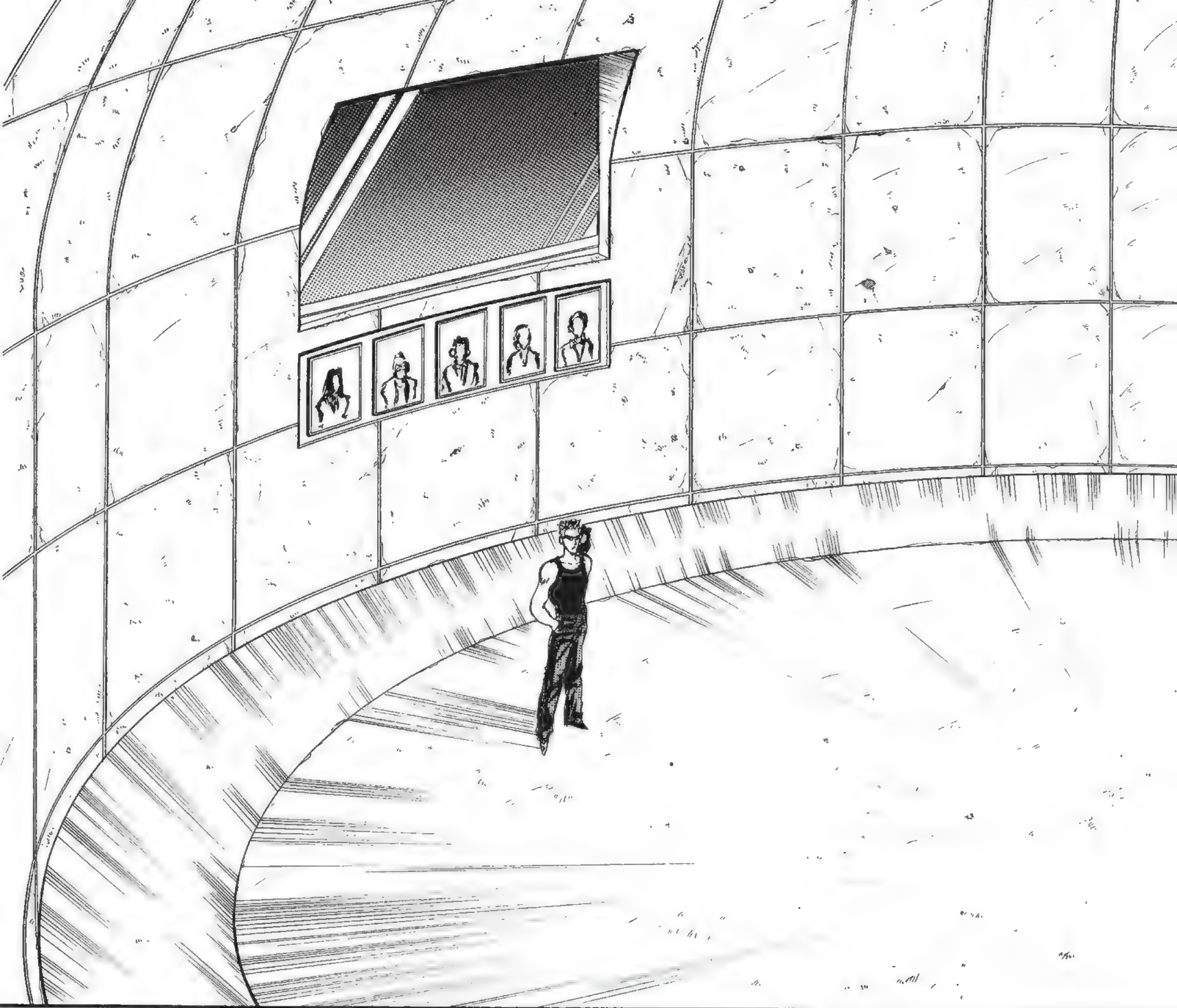
GUESS HE'S
THE LAST OF
'EM.

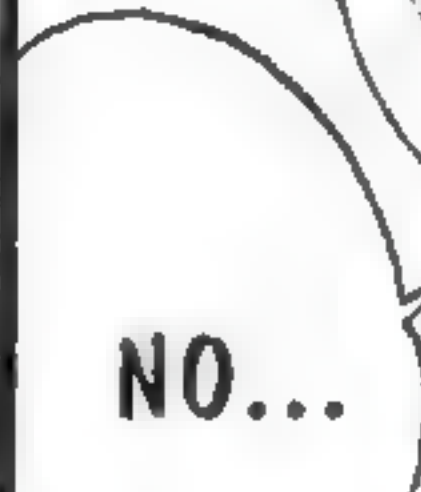
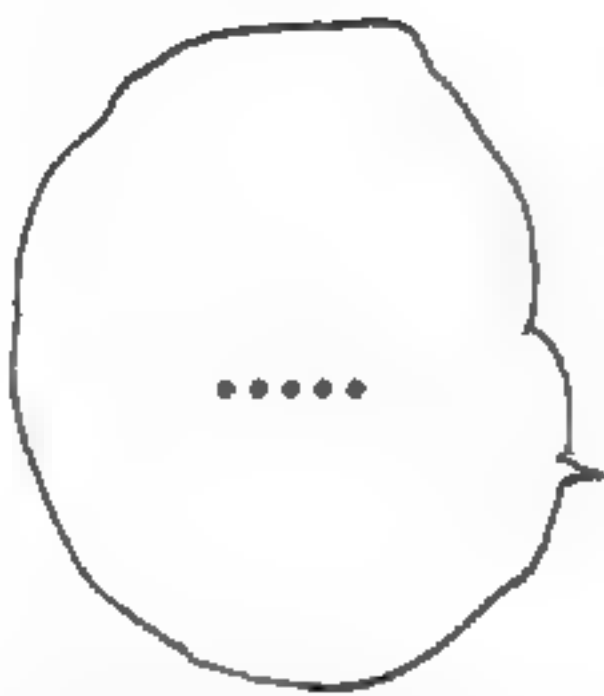


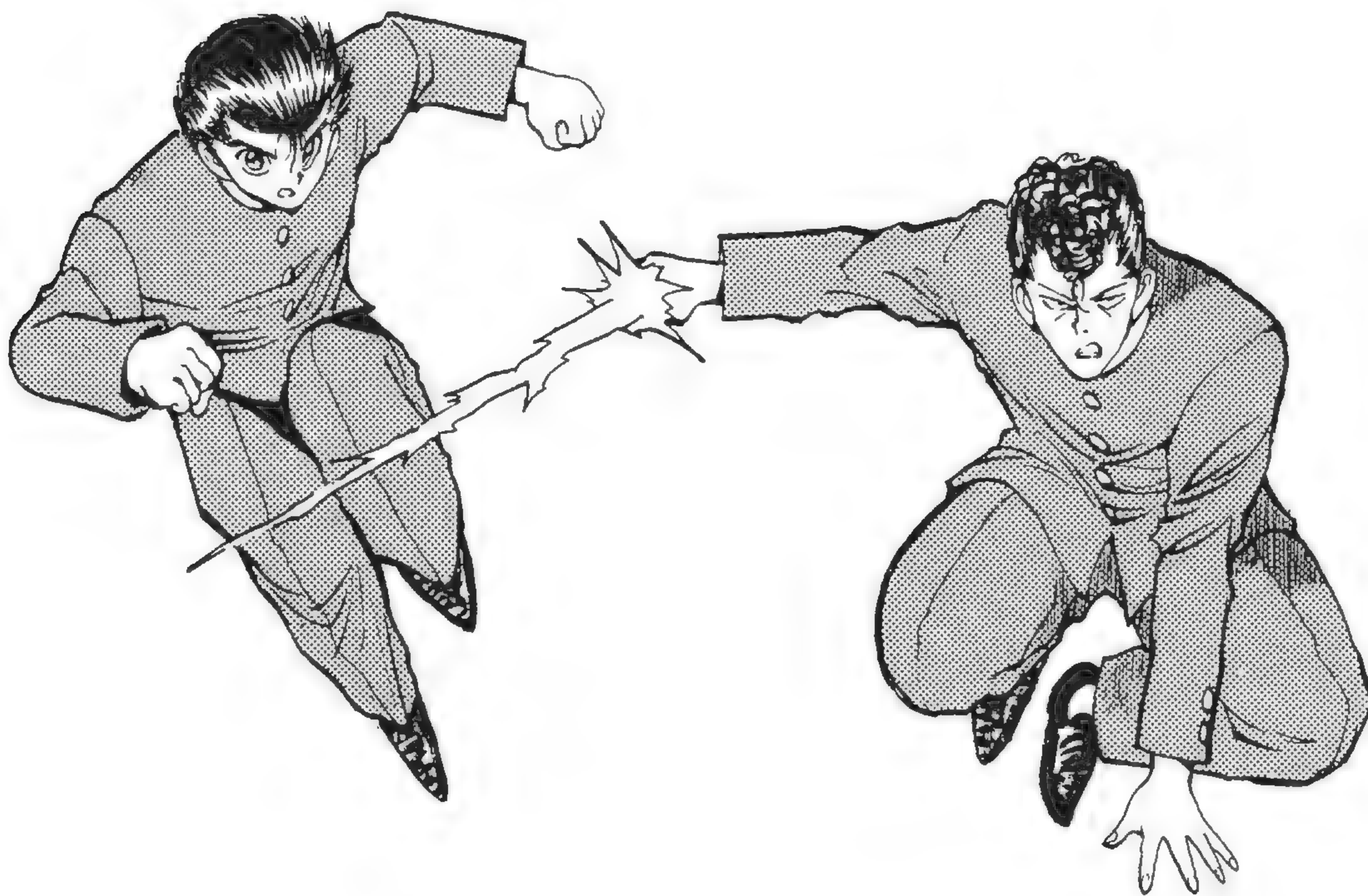
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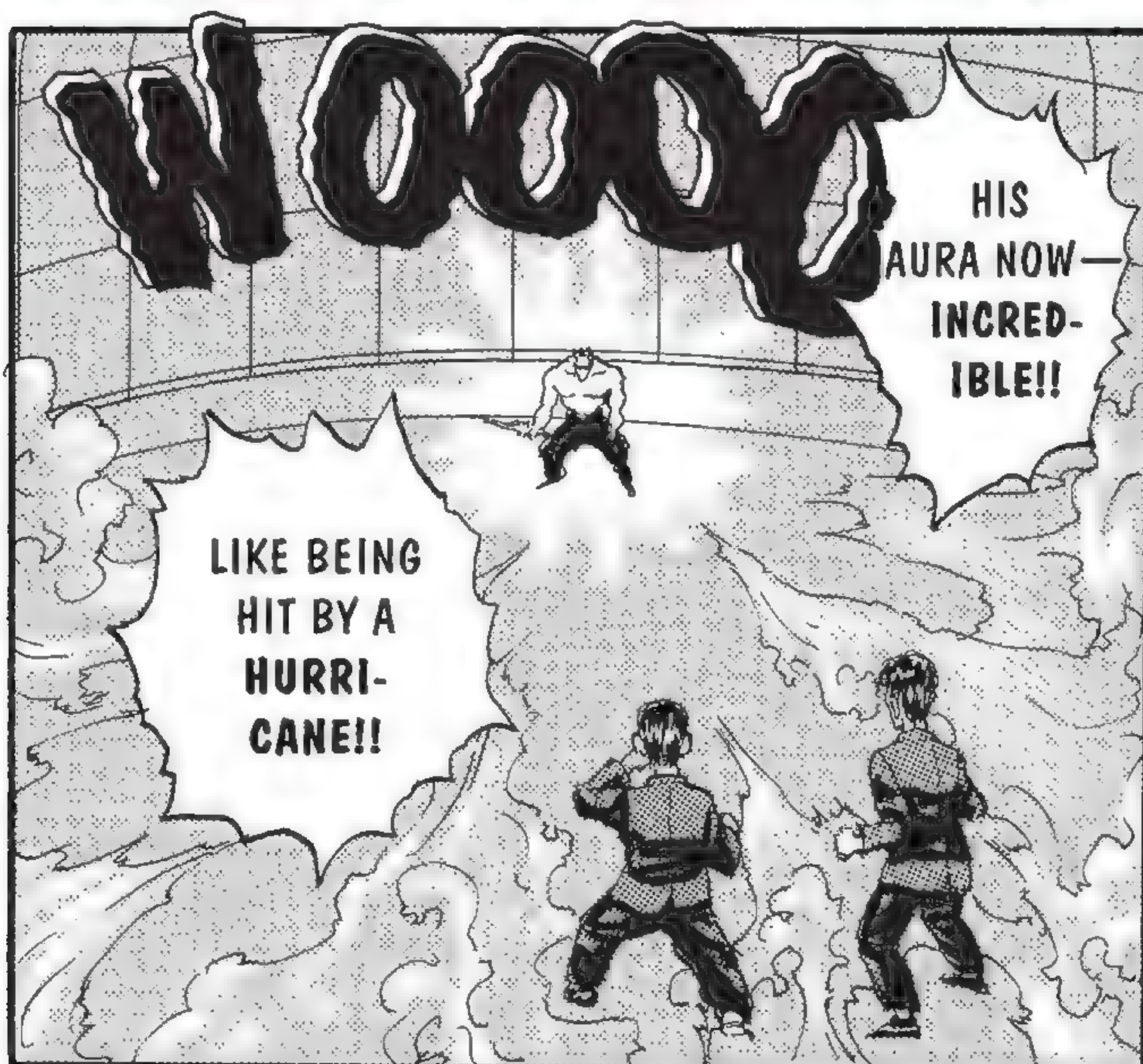


JUST A
MATTER OF
TIME!!

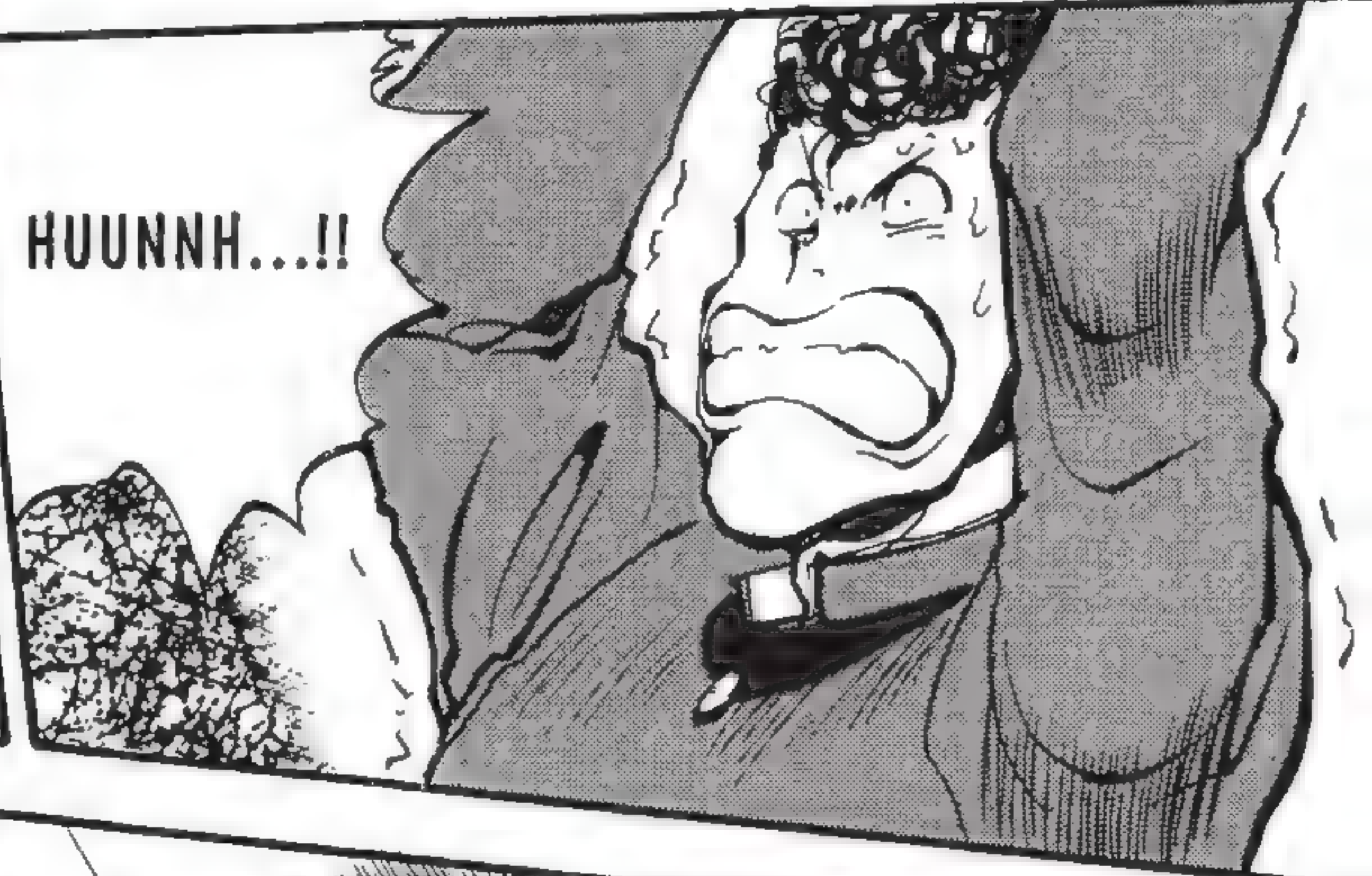
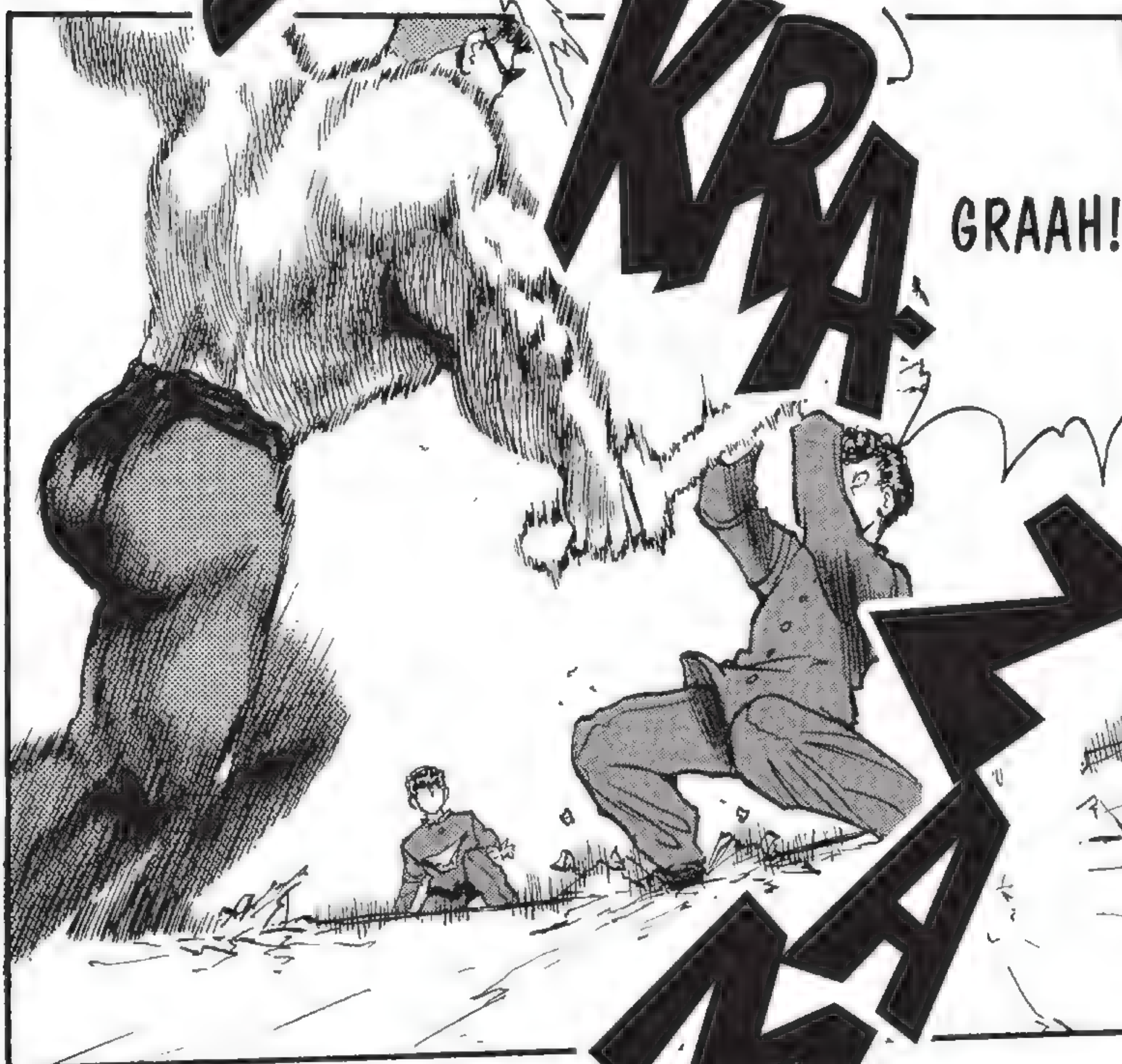










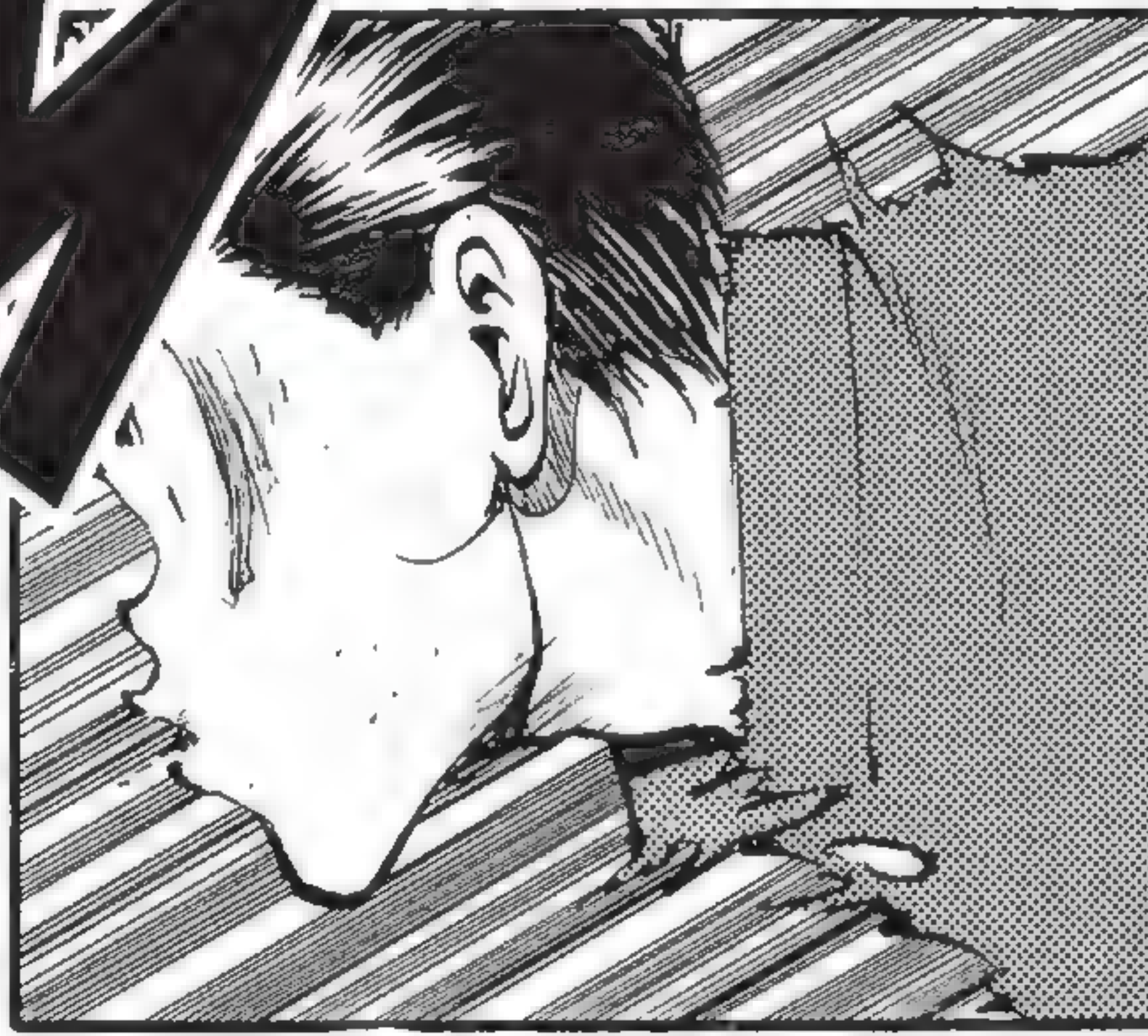




SLAM



KUWABARA!!





**YOUR
TURN!!**



**NAILED
YOU AT
POINT
BLANK...**



**HA!
THAT'S
FOR YOU,
FREAK-O!**



HIS SWORD...
IT TURNED
INTO A
SHIELD!!



?!

WOW



GUCK...!



...MY BROTHER HAS
A WIDE REPERTOIRE
OF TRANSFOR-
MATIONS...

I FORGOT TO
MENTION...

THE FINAL BATTLE: TWO ON TWO!!



I'M A BIT
DISAP-
POINTED.



HE'S
STRONG!!

GLUH!

GRUH
...!!





**I'M GONNA
WIN THE
DAY!!**



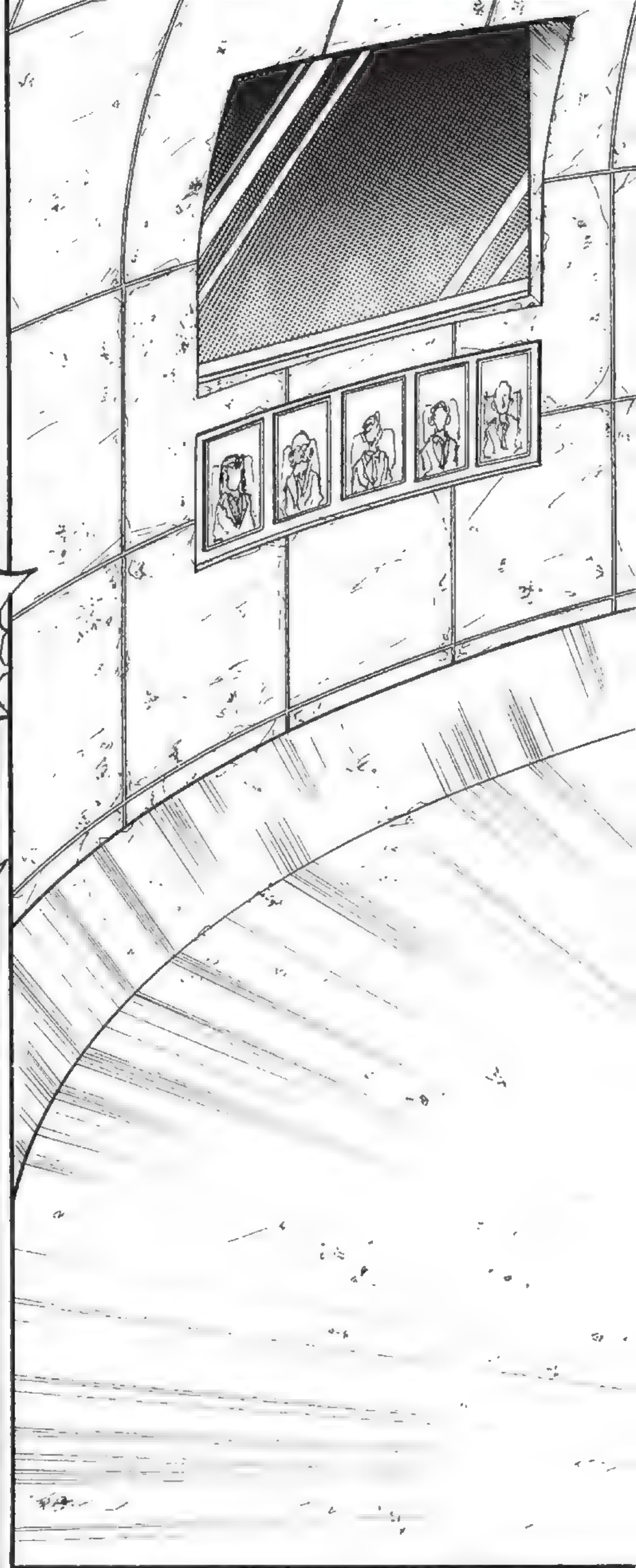
**HA
HA...**

**...HA
HA
HA!**

**HA HA,
THAT'S THE
TICKET!!**



**THIS
ONE'S IN THE
BAG!!**

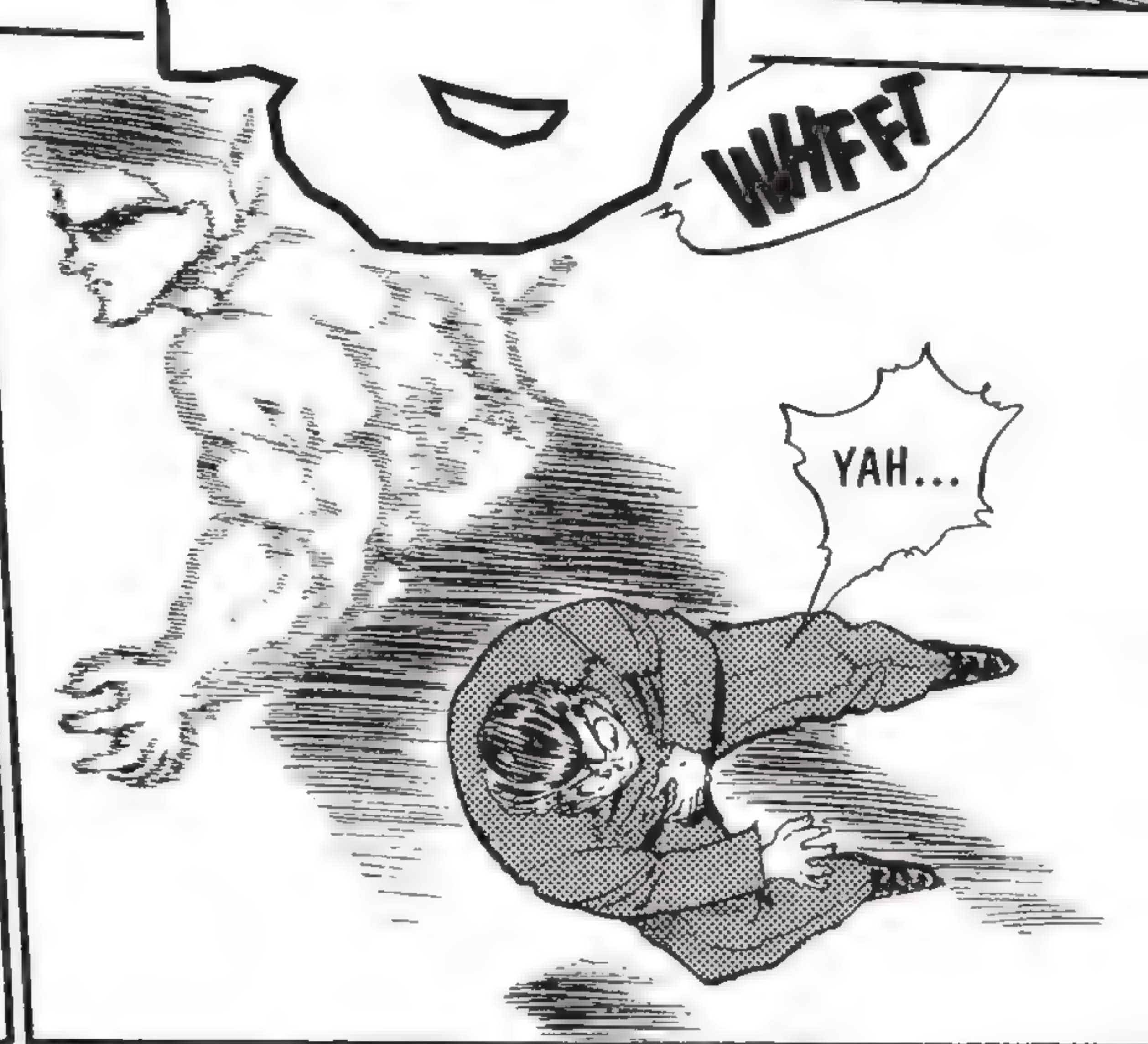


**TOO BAD,
MR. SAKYO!
YOU
SHOULD'VE
CUT YOUR
LOSSES!!**

.....



**I THOUGHT
YOU TWO
WOULD
PROVIDE A
BIT MORE
FUN...**



THEY HAD
THEIR FUN.
NOW THEY'LL
SUFFER...
AND DIE!

TORTURE
THOSE
PUNKS
FOR ME!

EXCEL-
LENT!
DRAW IT
OUT!!



KEEP
WATCHING!!



LIKE
LAST TIME!
REMEMBER?!

THIS IS HOW IT
IS FOR ANYONE
WHO TRIES TO
SAVE YOU!!



ARE
THESE...
HER
THOUGHTS...?

BUT...
WHAT...?



GOING...
BLACK...

NOT...
GOOD...



PLEASE...

NO!



...BURN AT THE MERE TOUCH OF THESE TALISMANS.

I HEAR YOU ICE MAIDENS...



SHED TEARS! MAKE 'EM POUR!!

CRY! HA HA HA! CRY!

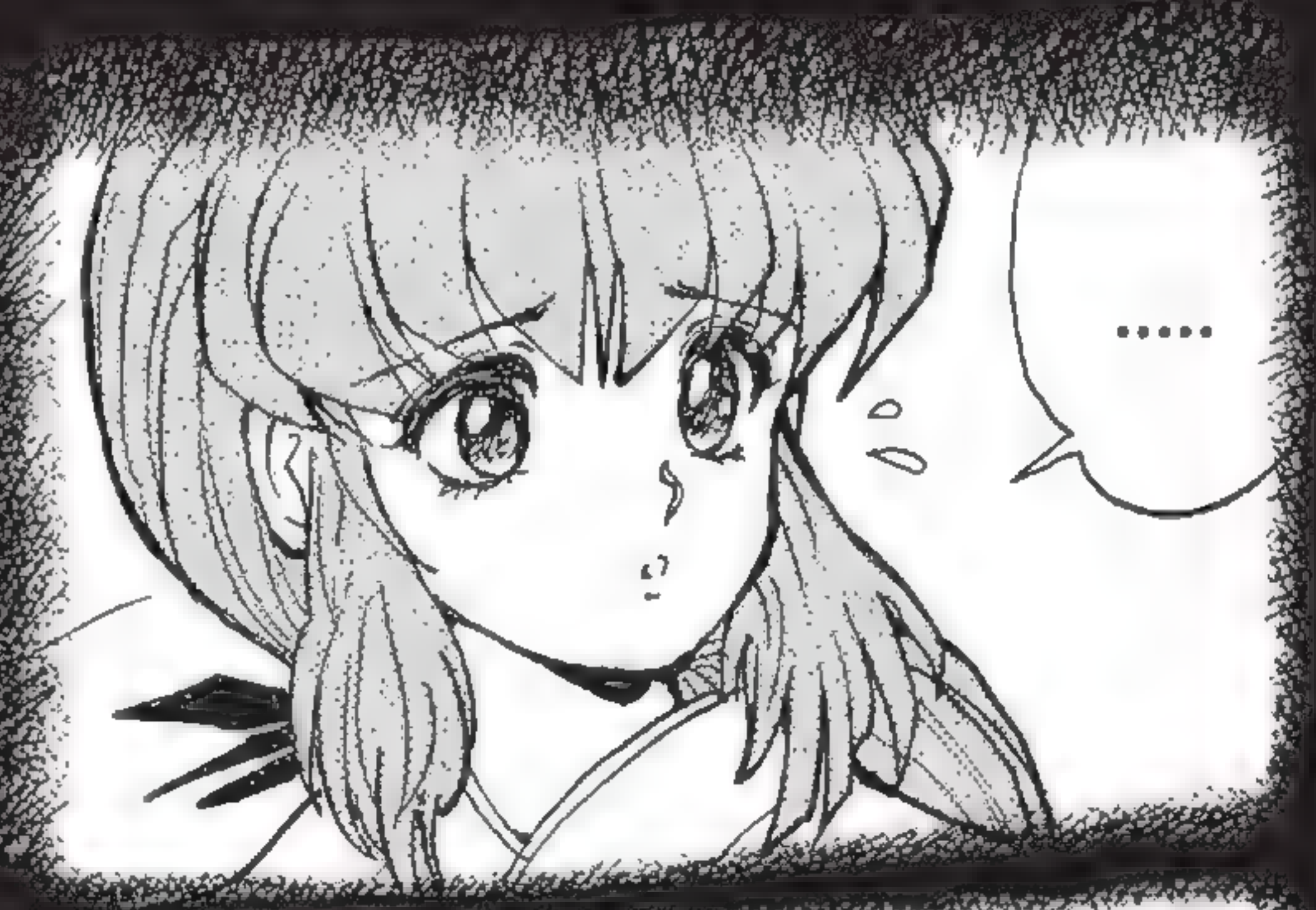
SIZZ



AAI-IEE!

SIZZ

HAH!



.....



...SOON, I PROMISE.



I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE ...



I HAVE A SISTER ABOUT YOUR AGE.

.....

.....

?!


DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THAT,
OKAY?

WHAT
ABOUT YOU?
WHEN THEY
DISCOVER I'M
GONE...

TARUKANE'S
OUT OF THE
COUNTRY!

SECURITY'S
LIGHT!
TODAY'S
THE DAY!

THOUGHT SO.
TAKE CARE
OF HIM.





SO
SMALL,
SO
FRAGILE.

I'D
HOPED
FOR
MORE.



HURF!

HAM



IT'S
HARD TO
BELIEVE...



WELL,
WELL...

HIS
AURA'S RE-
FRESHED
AND
GROWING.



COULD
A MAN
REALLY DO
ALL THIS?

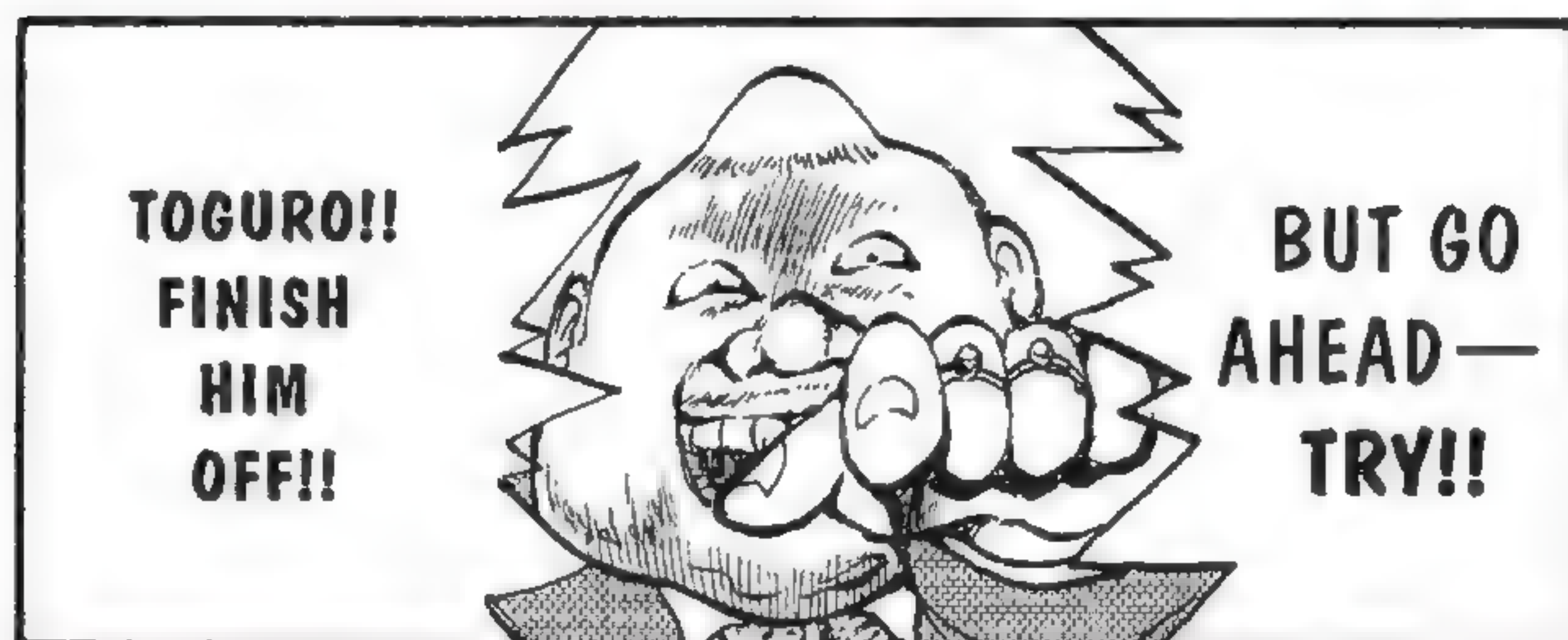
...TARU-
KANE'S
HUMAN.



THE ONE I
WANT IS
THE FAT,
GRUBBY PIG
BEHIND YOU!

YOU'RE
NOT THE
FIEND
I'M AFTER
TODAY.

STEP
ASIDE,
DE-
MON.



TOGURO!!
FINISH
HIM
OFF!!

BUT GO
AHEAD—
TRY!!



MY
ORDERS.
SORRY.

HEAR
THAT?



YOU'VE
GOT
NO
CHANCE!!

YOU
TALKING
ABOUT
ME,
BOY?



OUTTA
MY
WAY!





URA-MESHI, LISTEN...

...ONE THING MIGHT WORK!!



I WON'T LOSE! NOT THIS WAY!!

FINE BY ME!!

PLEASE, YU-SUKE...



THAT'S CRAZY!

IF WE DO THAT, YOU'RE TOAST!



?



RRAAH!



TRUP

A SUICIDE
CHARGE,
EH?

TRUP

.....

TRUP

IF
THAT'S HOW
YOU WANT
IT...

TRUP



...I'LL
SPLIT YOU
WITH ONE
STROKE!!

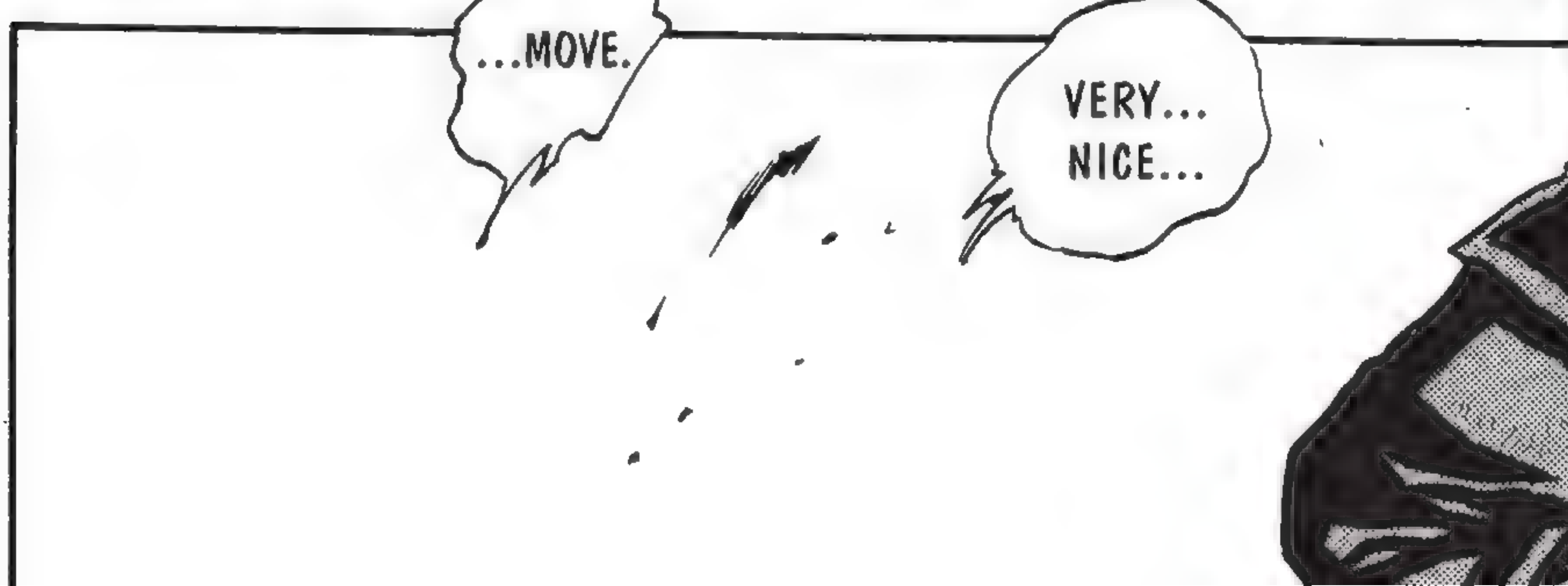
WUP

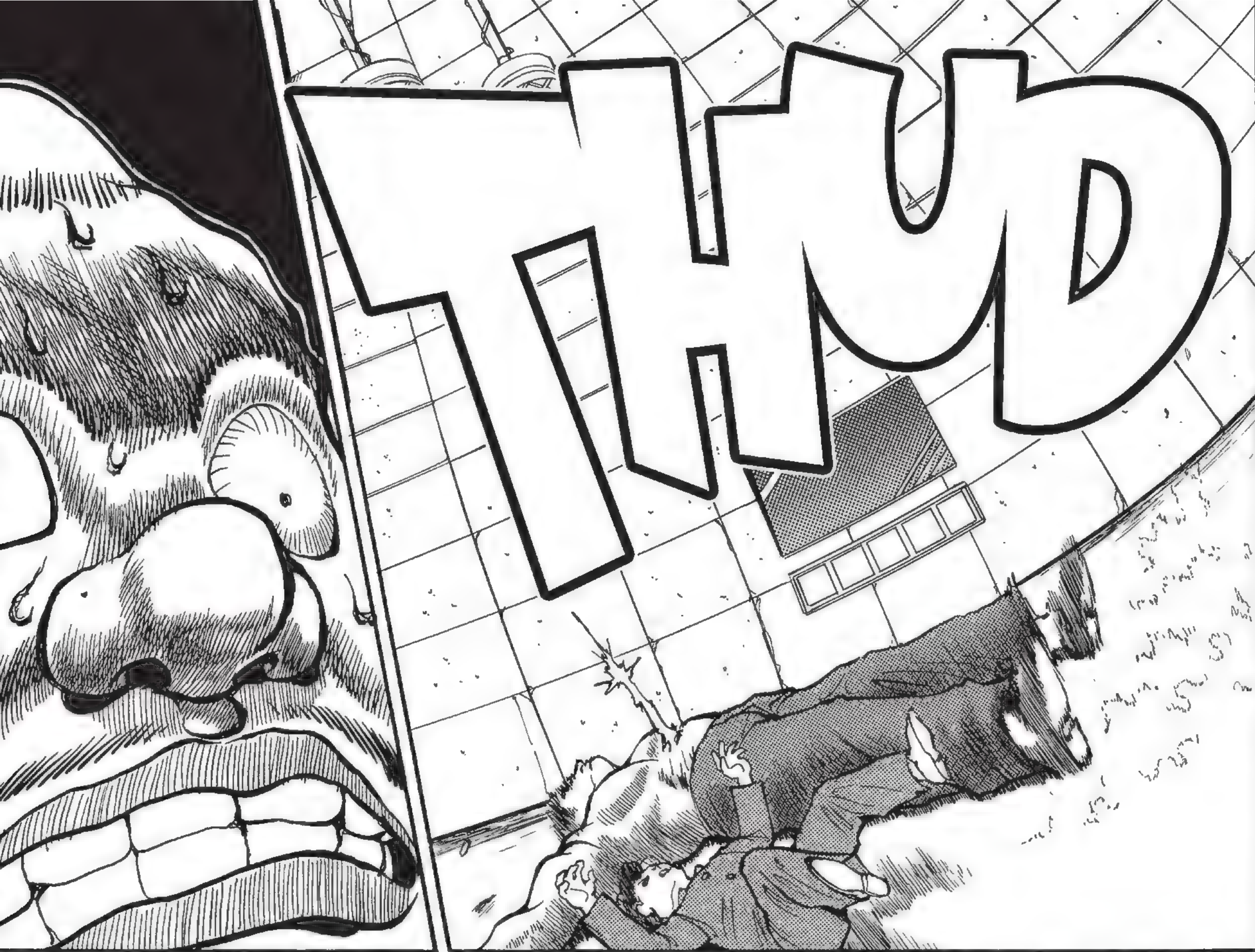


!!

HAARRRR!

SMP





GAME OVER.
SIXTY-SIX
TRILLION,
270 BILLION
TO ME.



TURN
AROUND,
FATSO.



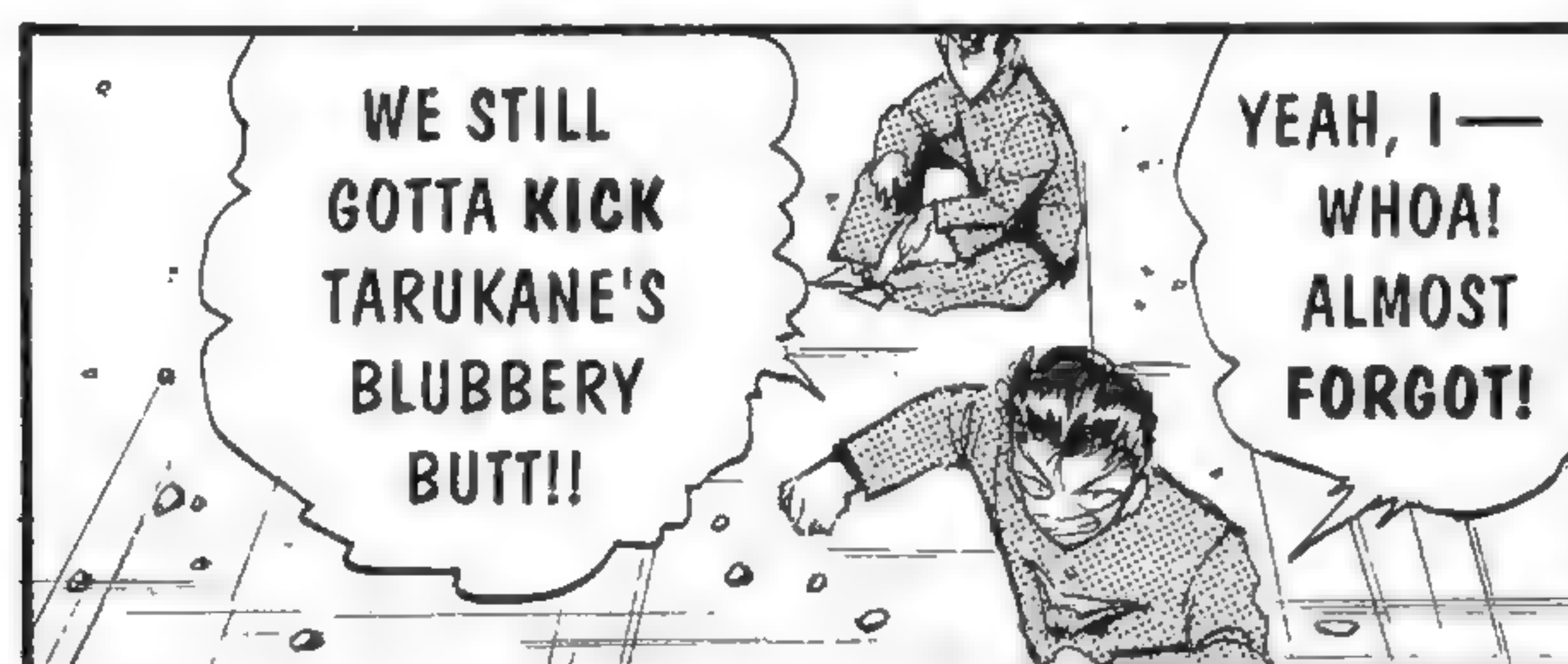
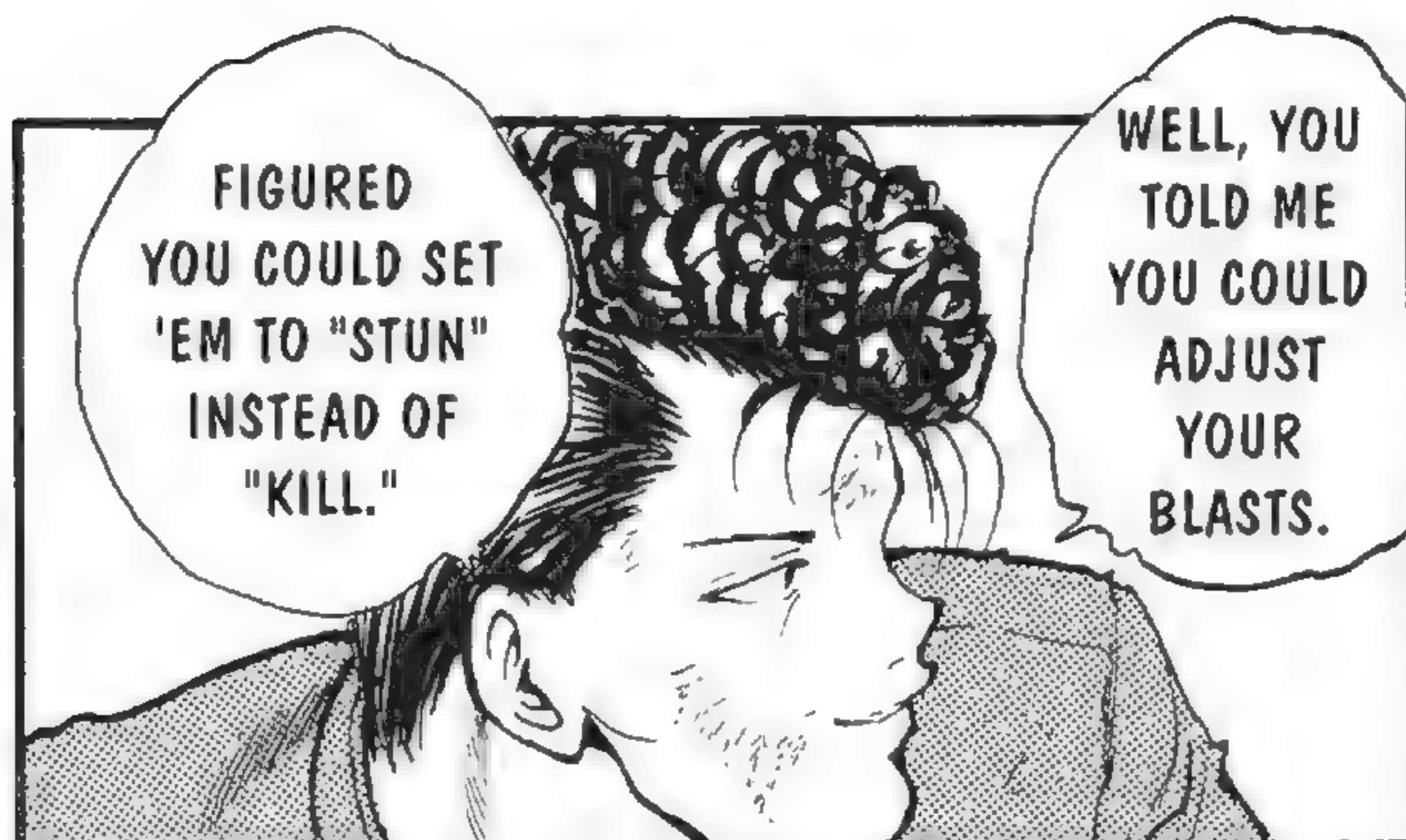
YUKINA AND
I ARE
LEAVING!
NOW!

REV
UP THE
HELICOPTER
SAKA-
SHITA!!

HEE HEE...
WHY
WORRY?
WITH THE
TEARS OF
ICE I'LL...









BURN
MARKS!
ON BOTH
ARMS!



...YOU
SUFFERED...
FOR ME...

I'M SO
SORRY...



WHAT'S BEEN
DONE TO
YOU...

...BY ONE
OF US, IS
UNFORGIVABLE.



...TO A
LOUSY
HUMAN,
YUKINA.

DON'T
APOLO-
GIZE...



?



WE MAY NOT
AMOUNT TO MUCH...
BUT WE TRY,
Y'KNOW?

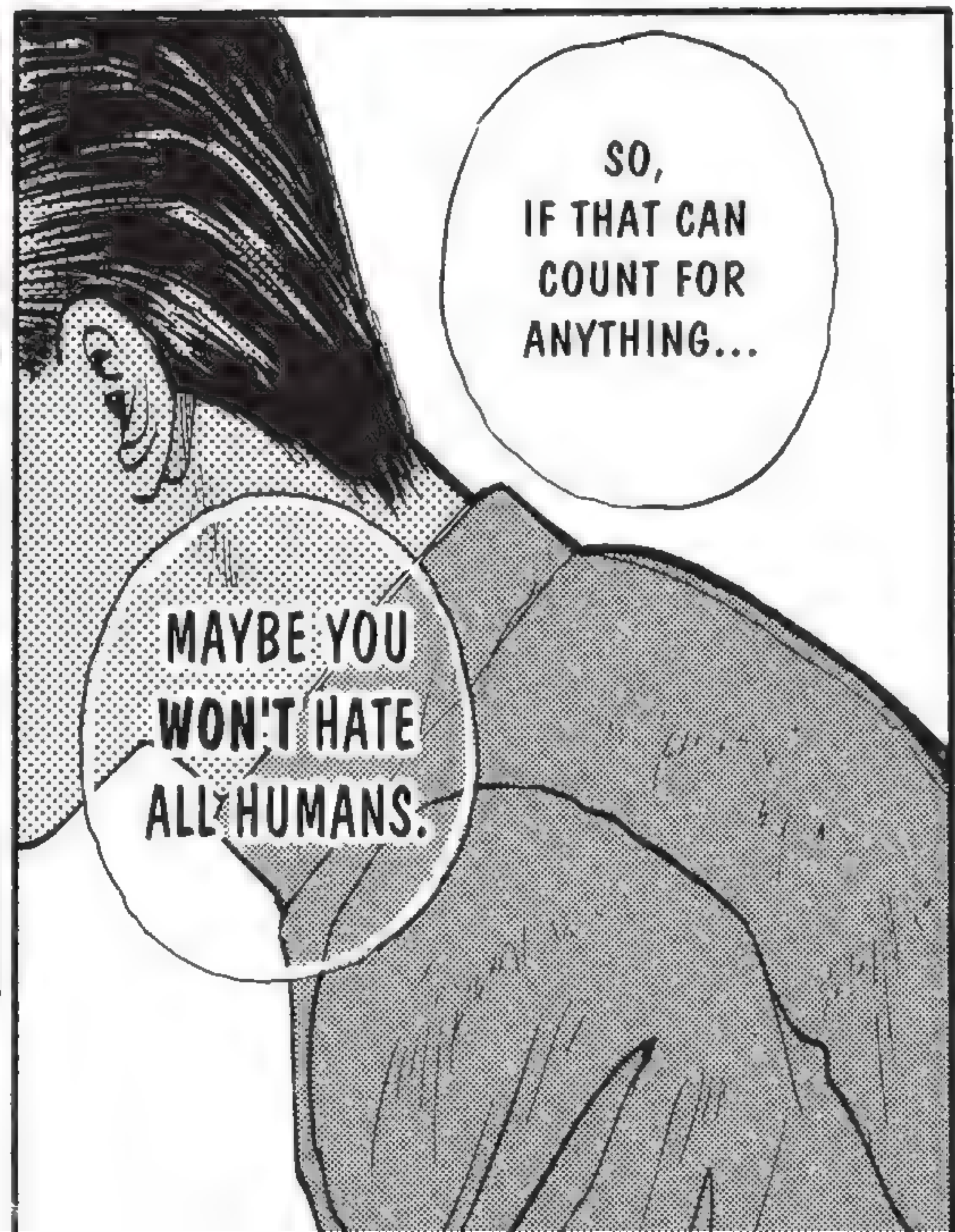
HUH?
HIEI?!

ALL I CAN
SAY IS,
WE'RE NOT ALL
LIKE THAT.



PLEASE
...

.....



SO,
IF THAT CAN
COUNT FOR
ANYTHING...

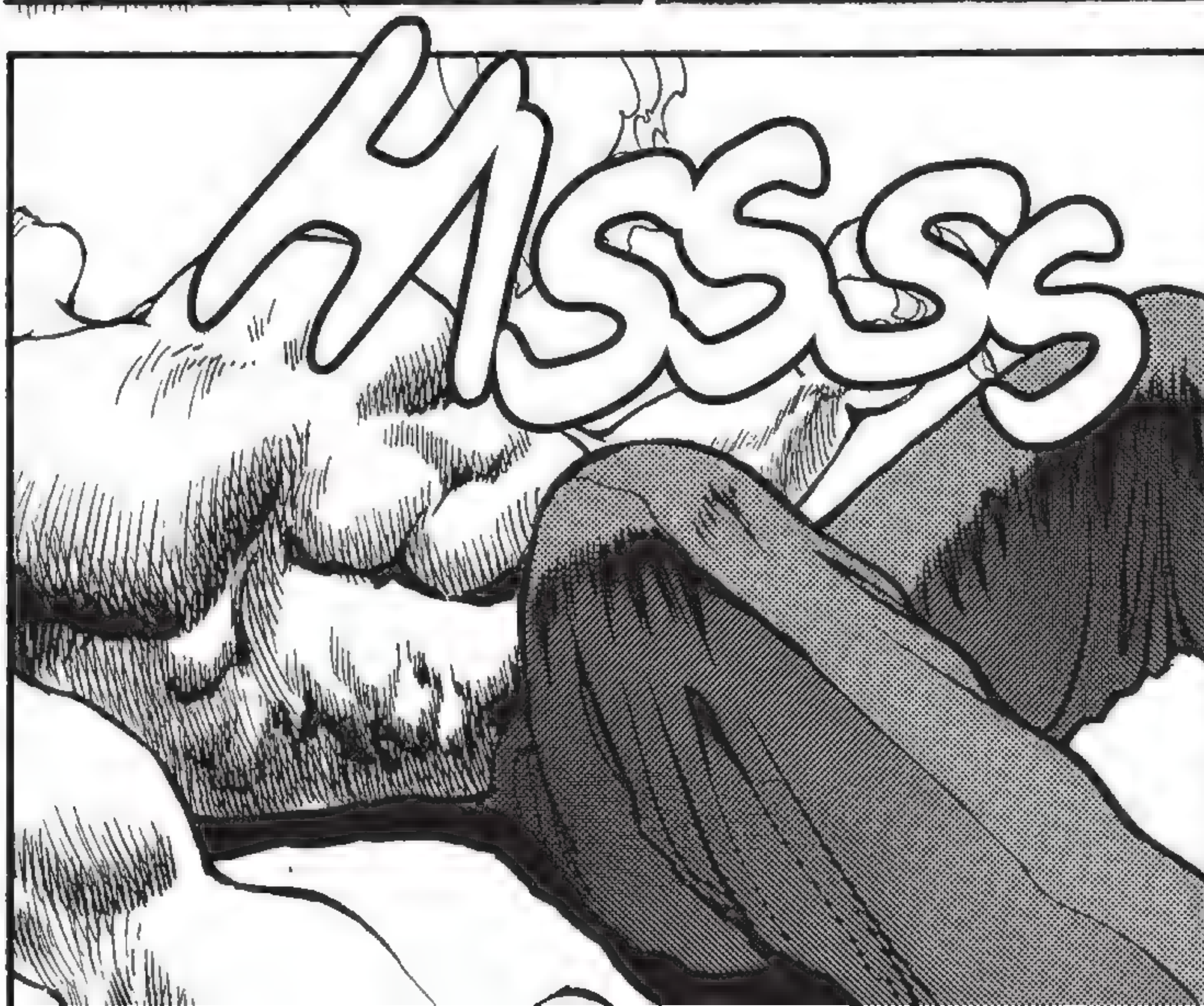
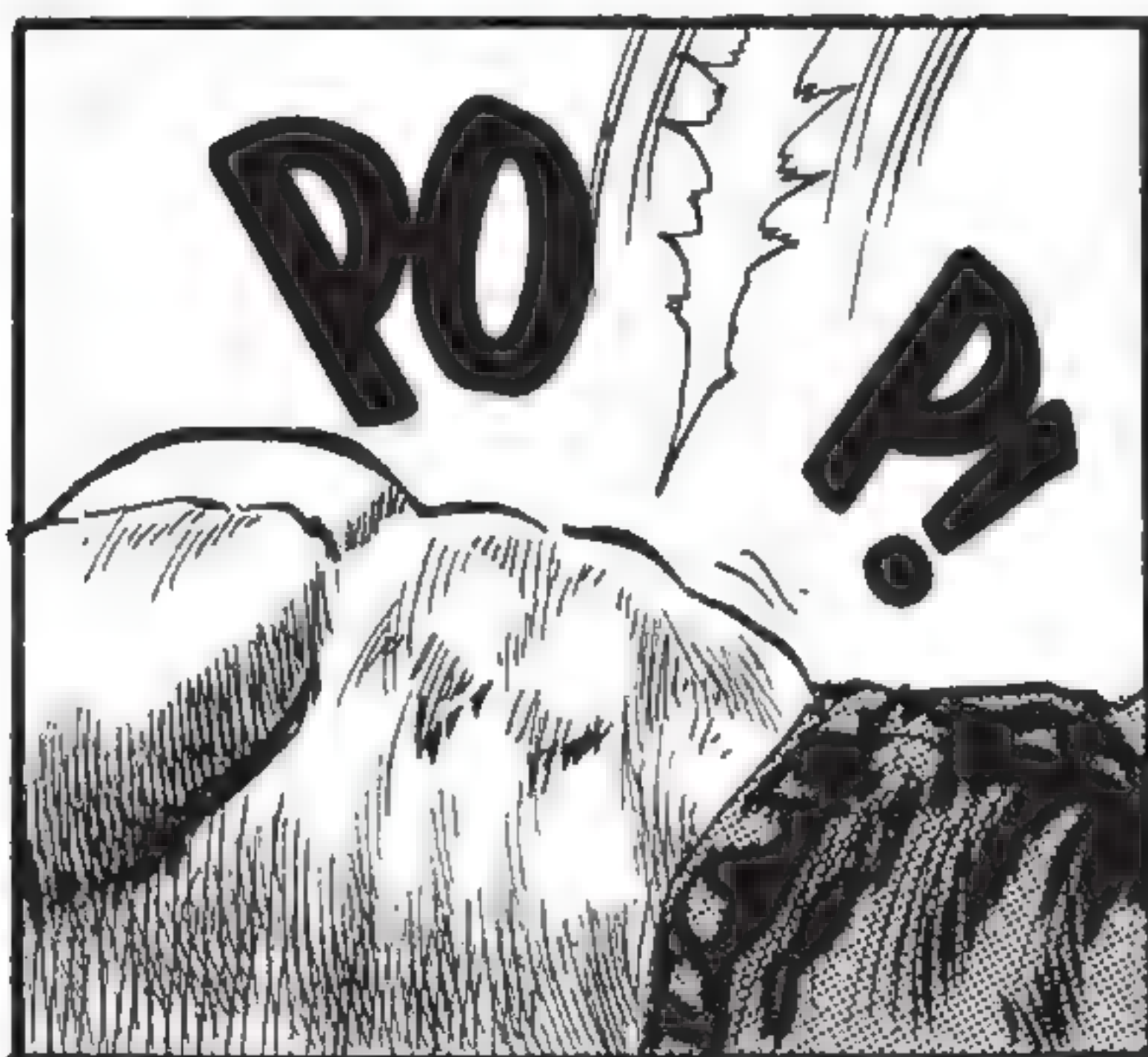
MAYBE YOU
WON'T HATE
ALL HUMANS.

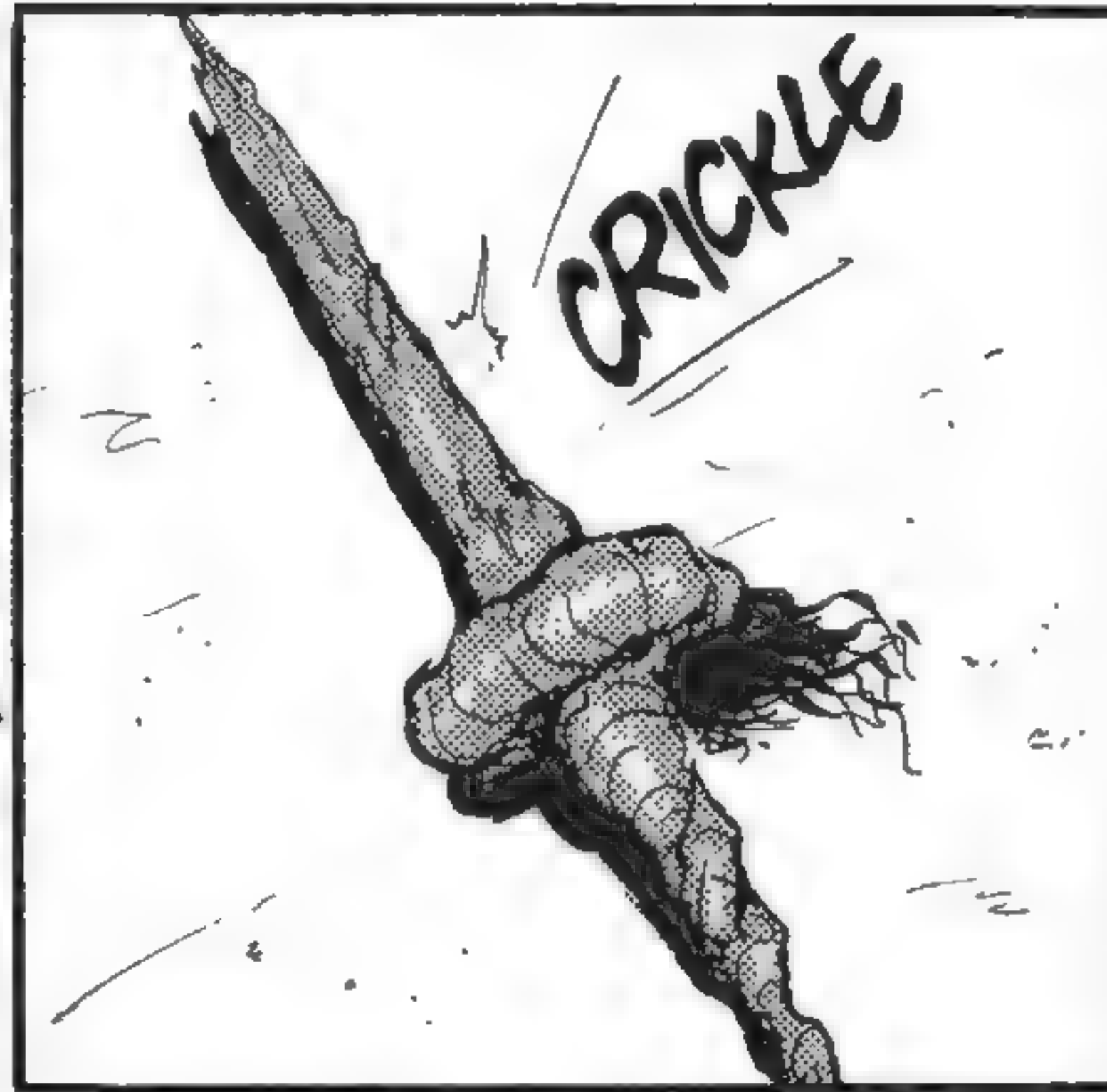


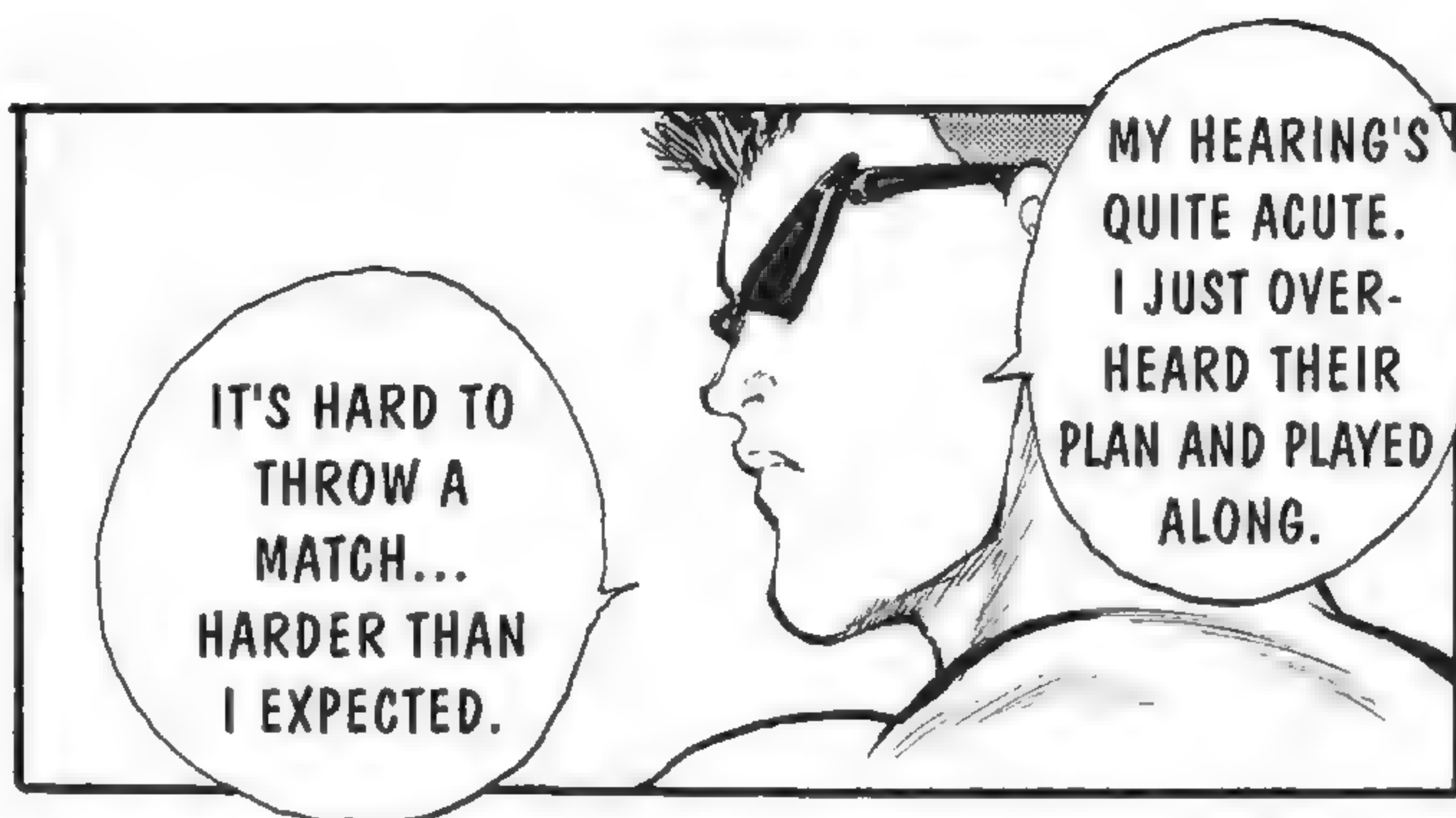
AH, THE MEMORIES...

THE GAME I DESCRIBED ON PAGES 26 AND 68 IS ONE I INVENTED IN JUNIOR HIGH AND PLAYED AT SCHOOL WITH MY FRIENDS. WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING MANGA OR STORE-BOUGHT GAMES TO SCHOOL, AND THE TEACHERS WOULD'VE CONFISCATED THEM AND LECTURED US IF WE WERE CAUGHT. SO I CAME UP WITH MANY DIFFERENT GAMES THAT COULD EASILY BE PLAYED IN THE 10-MINUTE FREE PERIODS. I WROTE NUMBERS ON THE SIDES OF A HEXAGONAL PENCIL AND USED IT AS A DIE, AND DREW THE BOXERS IN MY NOTEBOOK. I WASN'T THE TYPE TO BLATANTLY DEFY SCHOOL REGULATIONS AND DYE MY HAIR OR WEAR THOSE BAGGY PANTS. I LIVED ONLY TO ELUDE THE LETTER OF THE LAW, AND TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO GOOF OFF WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT BY THE TEACHERS. THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER GAMES I MADE; I'LL PRESENT THEM IF I GET A CHANCE.

I MUST GET STRONGER!!









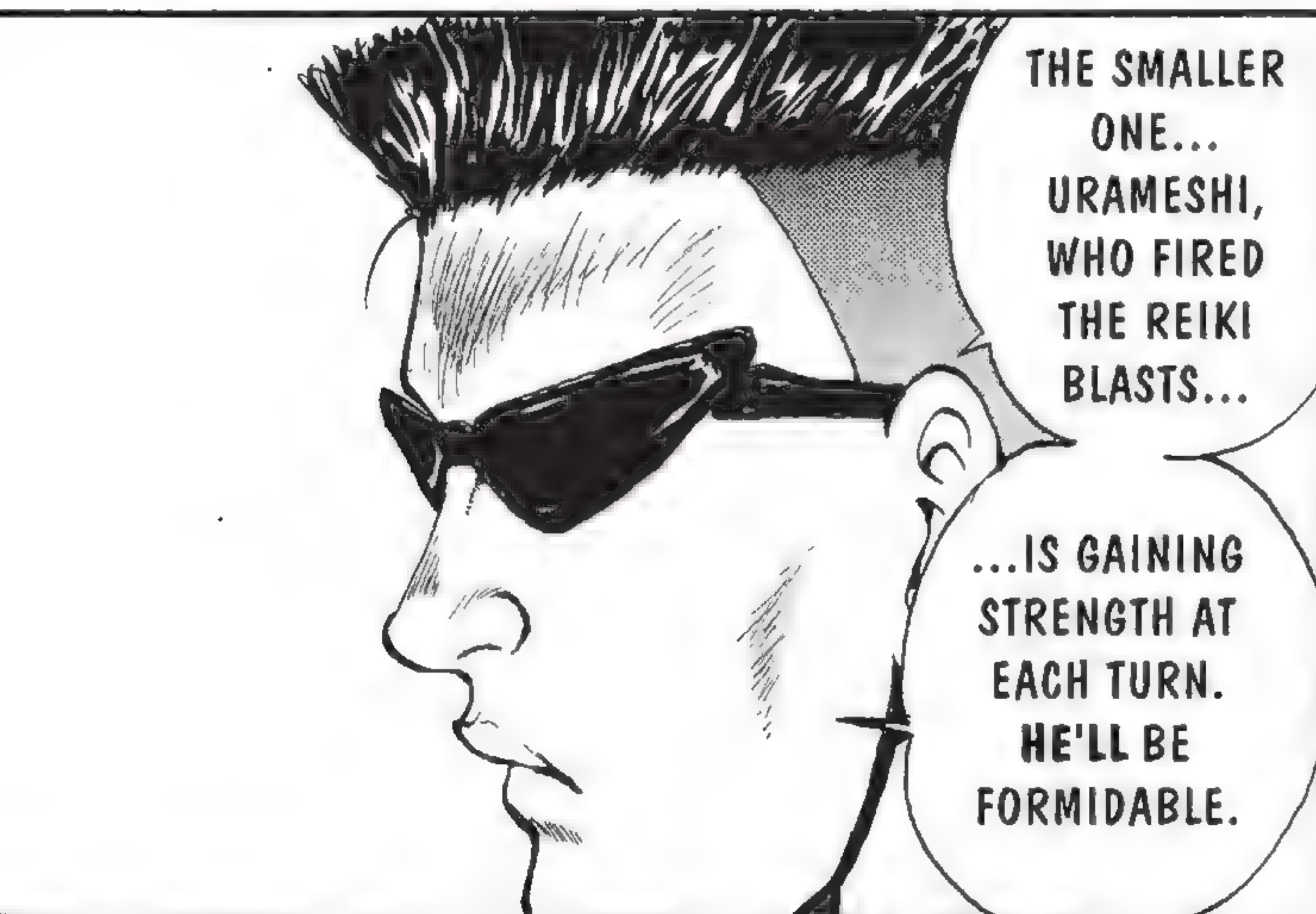
PRETTY
SNEAKY...
USING
TARUKANE'S
DOWNFALL AS A
PRETEXT...

...TO WATCH
ME IN ACTION
AGAINST THEM.



THEY WILL
CERTAINLY
BE INVITED
TO
PARTICIPATE.

I'M
COUNTING
ON THAT.



THE SMALLER
ONE...
URAMESHI,
WHO FIRED
THE REIKI
BLASTS...

...IS GAINING
STRENGTH AT
EACH TURN.
HE'LL BE
FORMIDABLE.



SO, HOW
DO THEY
STACK
UP?

HEH HEH...
VERY
PERCEPTIVE.

OH—
BEFORE YOU GO,
WOULD YOU MIND
TAKING OUT THE TRASH?



BEEP

WELL, I TRUST YOU'LL MEASURE
THE CHALLENGE CAREFULLY.
REMEMBER, THE TOURNAMENT
IS TWO MONTHS AWAY.



AYE
AYE,
SIR.



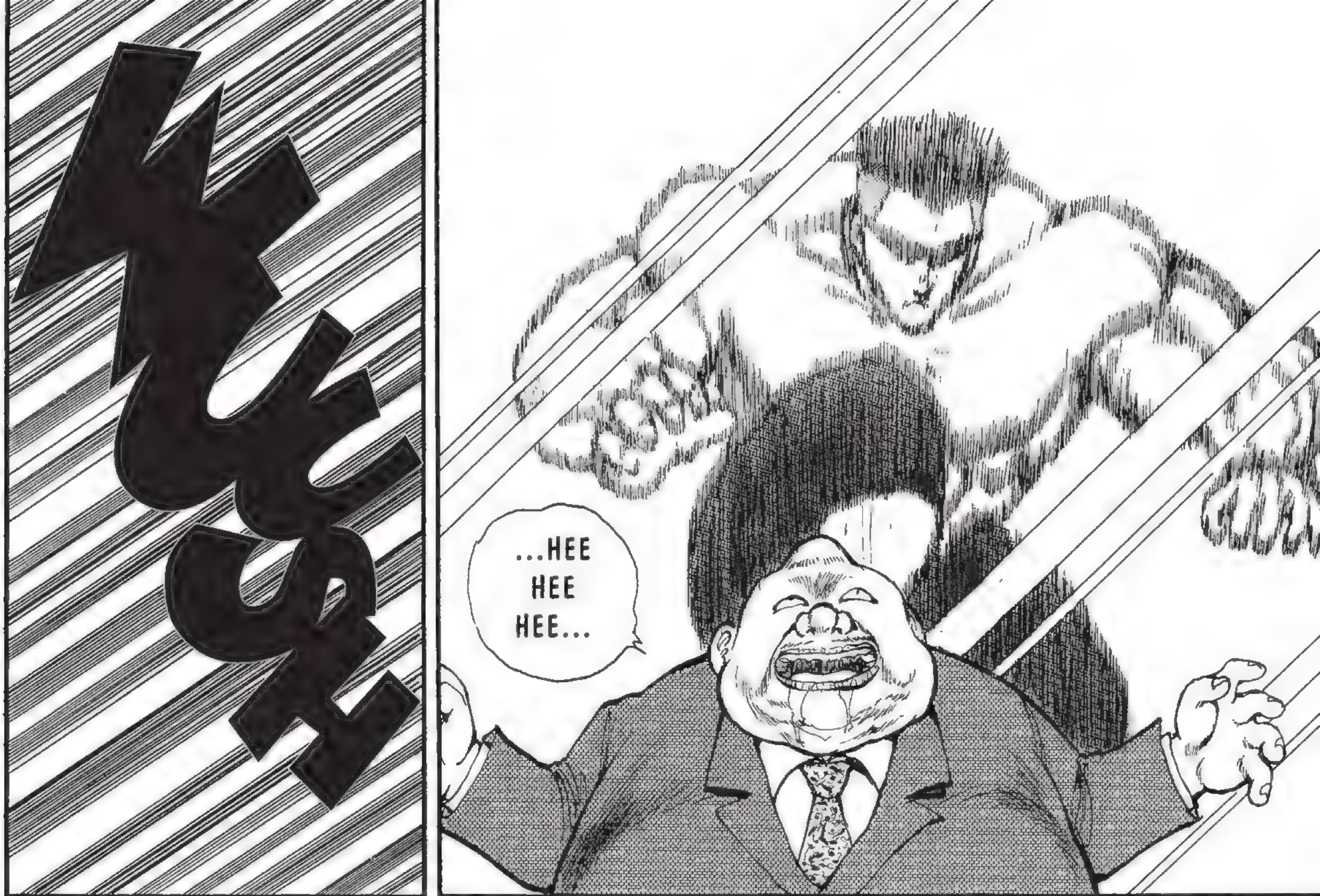
...RUINED...
MIGHT AS
WELL BE
DEAD...



...HEE
HEE...

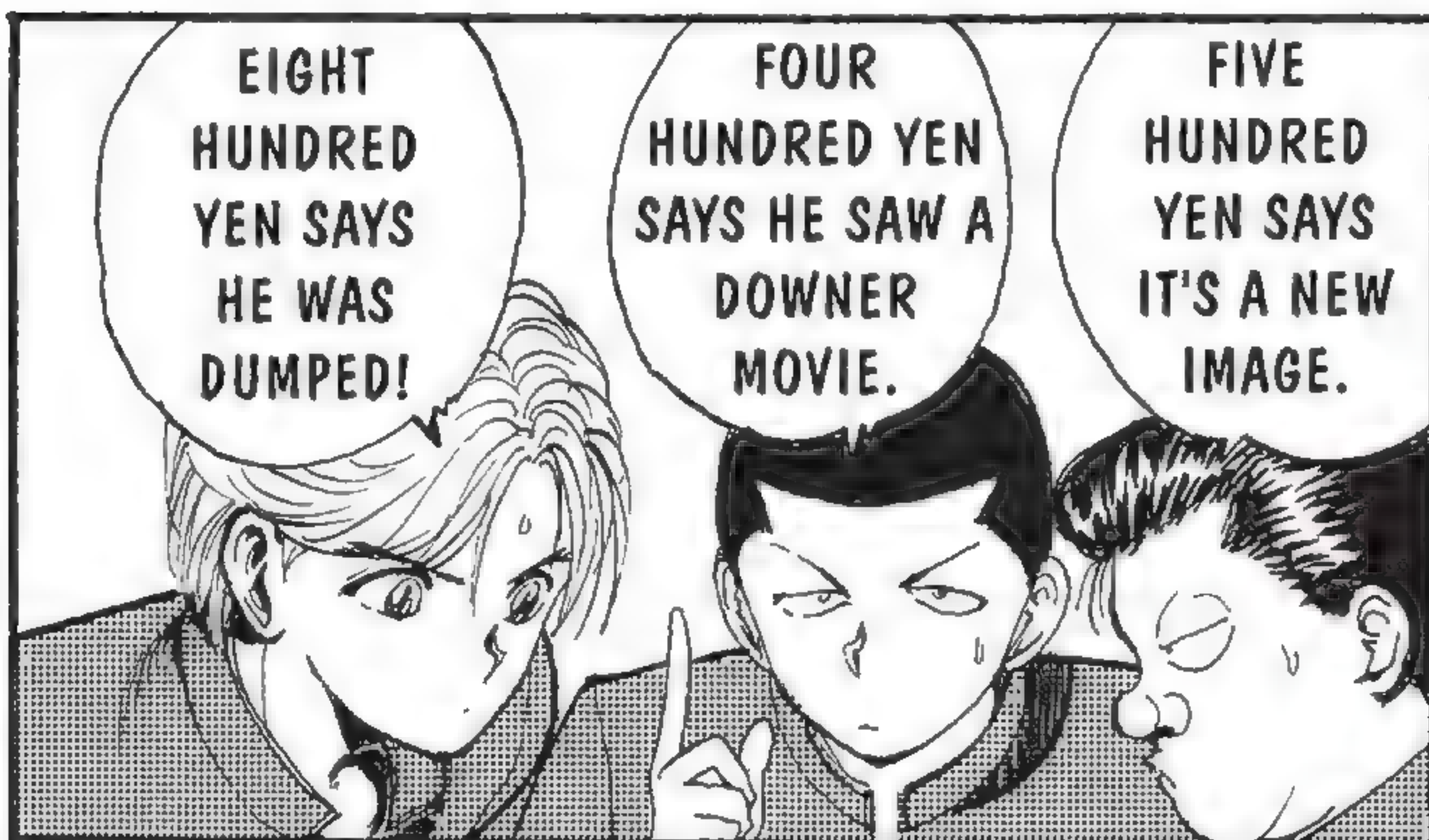
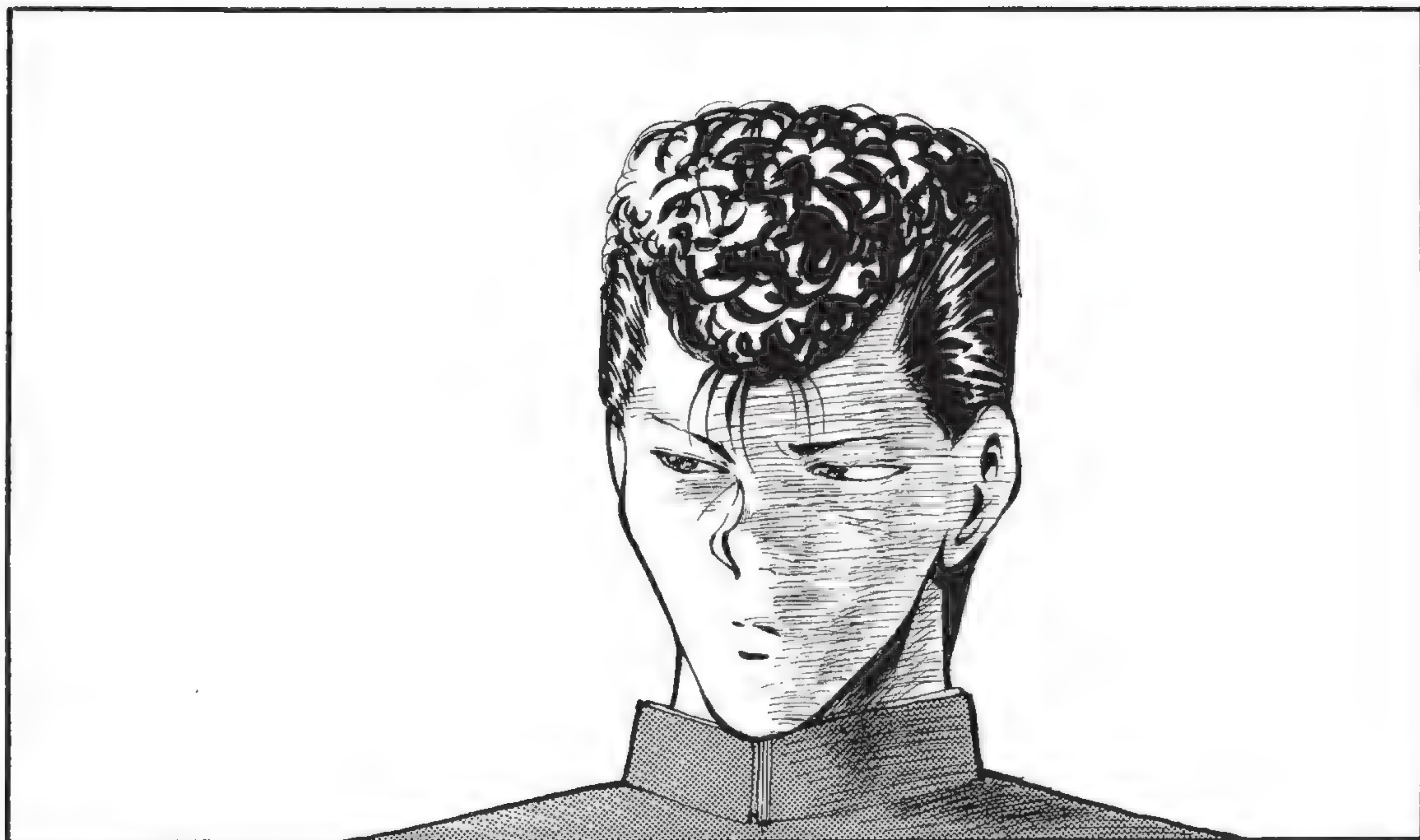
...HEE
HEE...



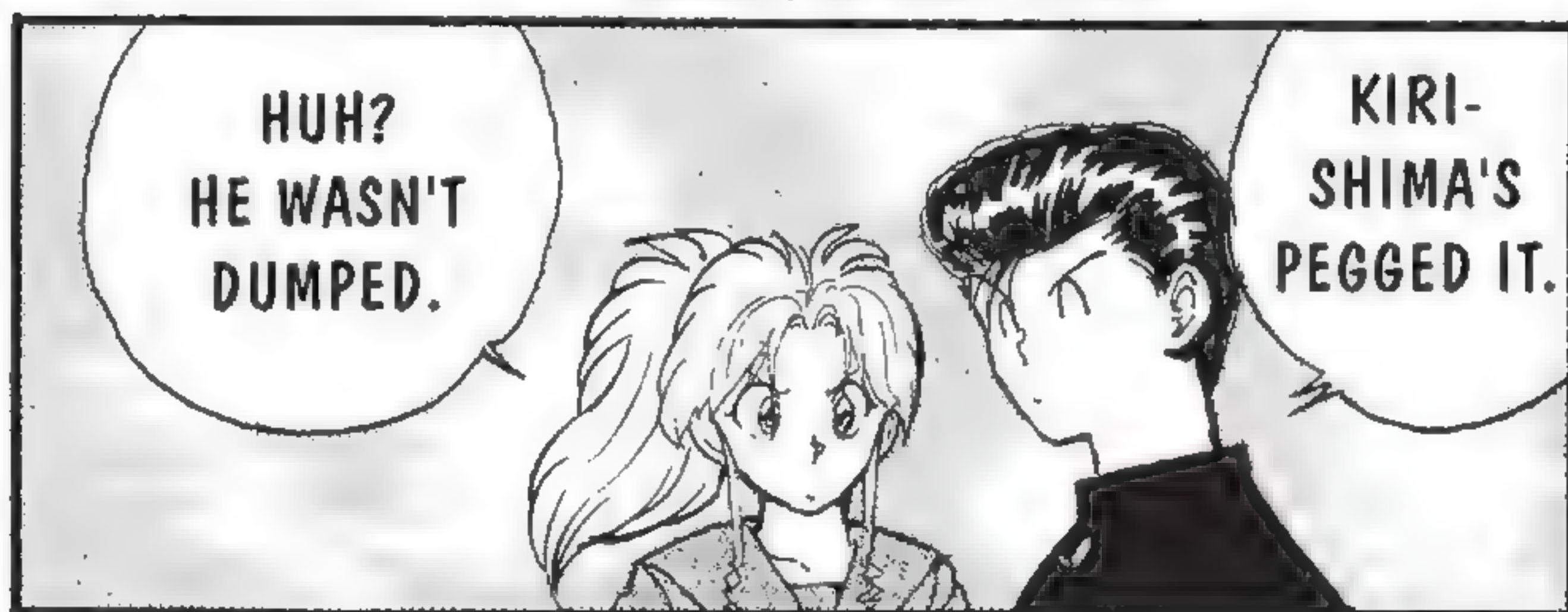


I MUST GET STRONGER!!





AWRIGHT, BETTING'S CLOSED!



WE HAVE
DIFFERENT
MOTHERS, AND
SHE'S AN ICE
MAIDEN...
THEY'RE SUPPOSED
TO KEEP TO THEIR
WINTRY REALM.

YUKINA DOESN'T
KNOW, AND
THERE'S NO
REASON SHE
SHOULD.

YEAH...

FEH!

DID YOU, BY
ANY CHANCE,
ACQUIRE THAT
EVIL EYE TO
FIND HER?

...AFTER THE LITTLE
FOOL SNUCK OFF TO
FROLIC WITH SOME
ANIMAL. NO DOUBT
THAT'S WHEN THE
BROKERS GOT WIND
OF HER.

IT'S BEEN
TWO YEARS
SINCE I
LEARNED SHE
WAS MIS-
SING...

THERE WAS
STRONG DEBATE IN
THE UNDERWORLD
ABOUT TELLING
HIEI IN THE FIRST
PLACE.

KILLING HUMANS —
EVEN LOATHSOME
TOADS LIKE THAT —
IS FORBIDDEN.
HE'D BE ARRESTED
FOR IT.

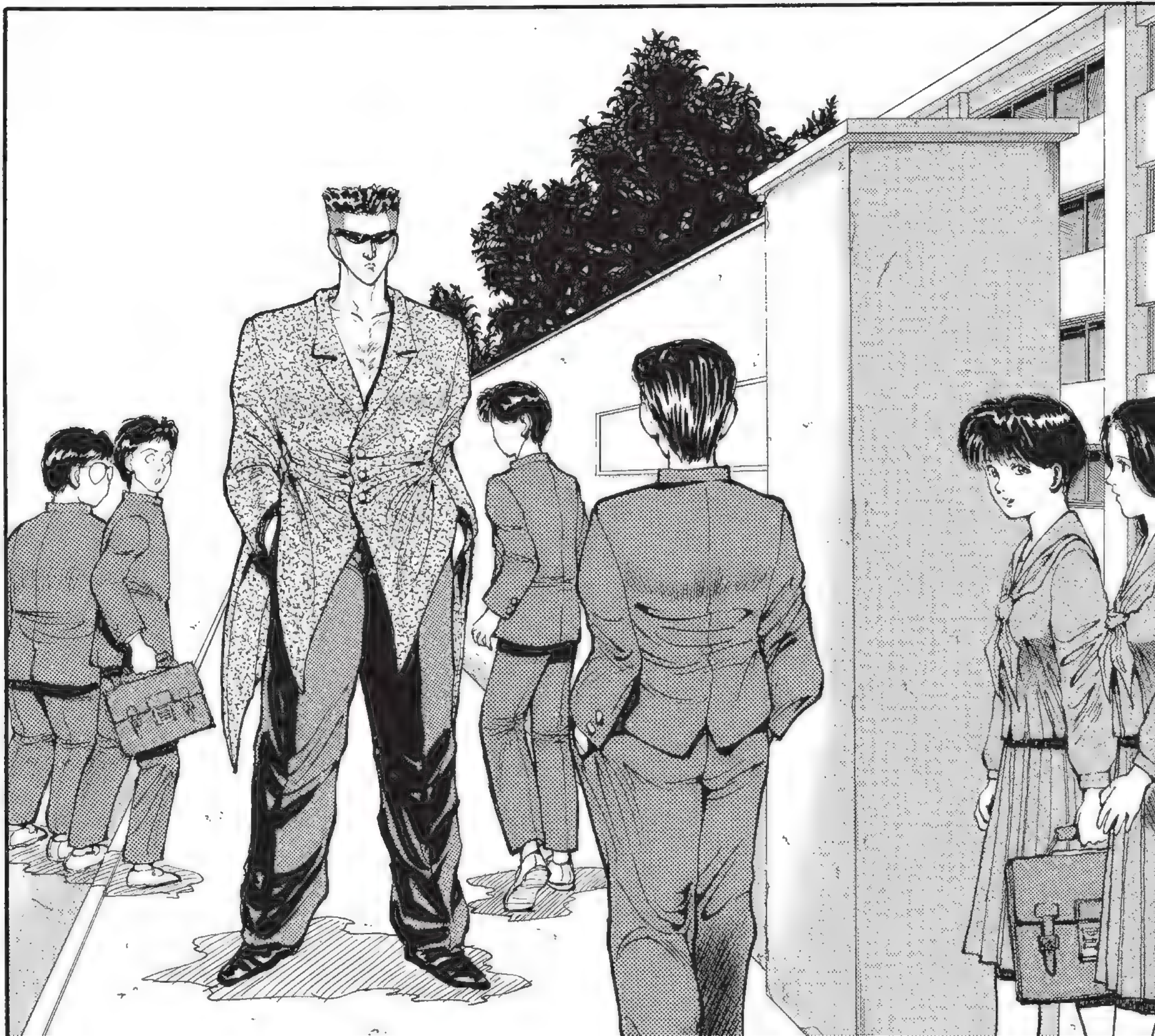
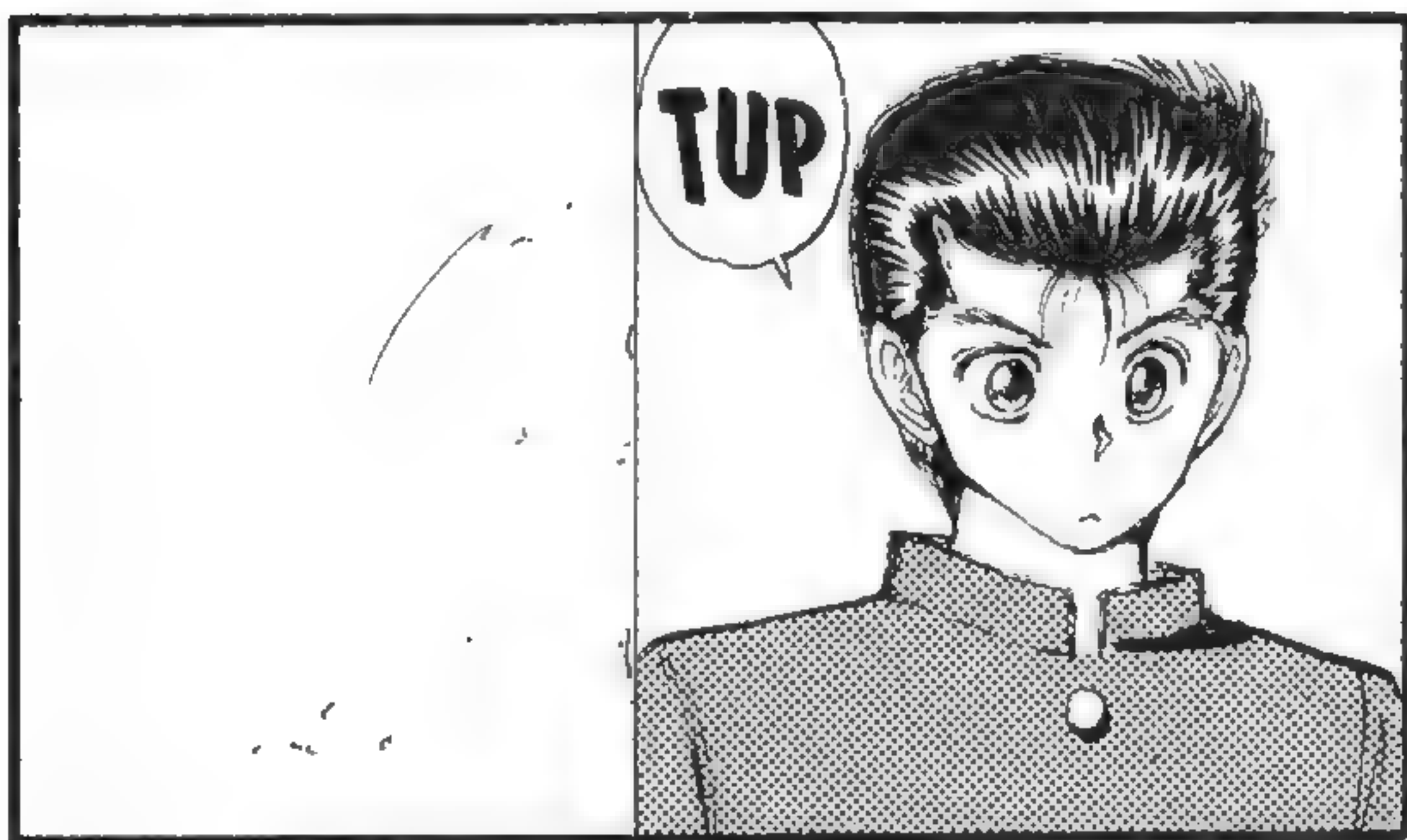
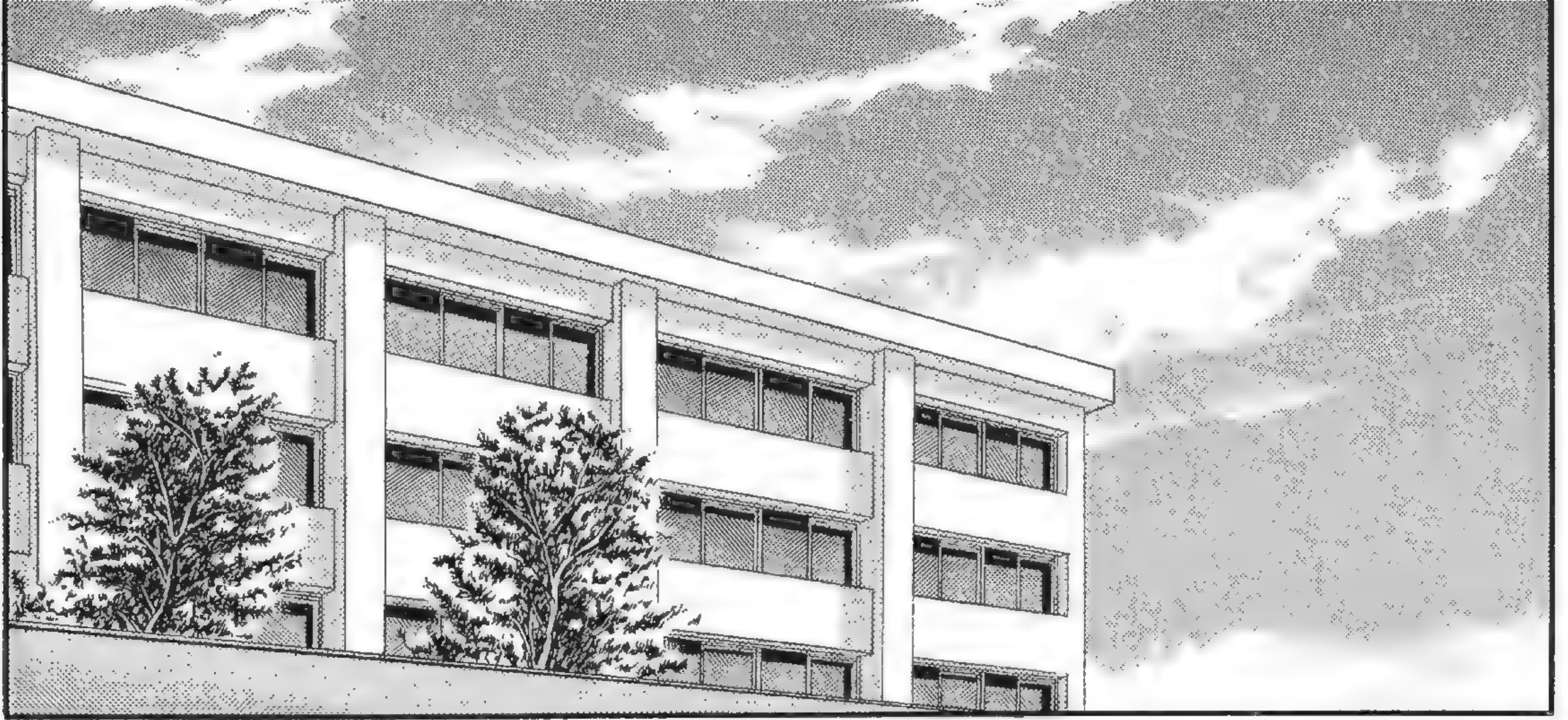
WELL, AT
LEAST HE
DIDN'T KILL
TARUKANE.

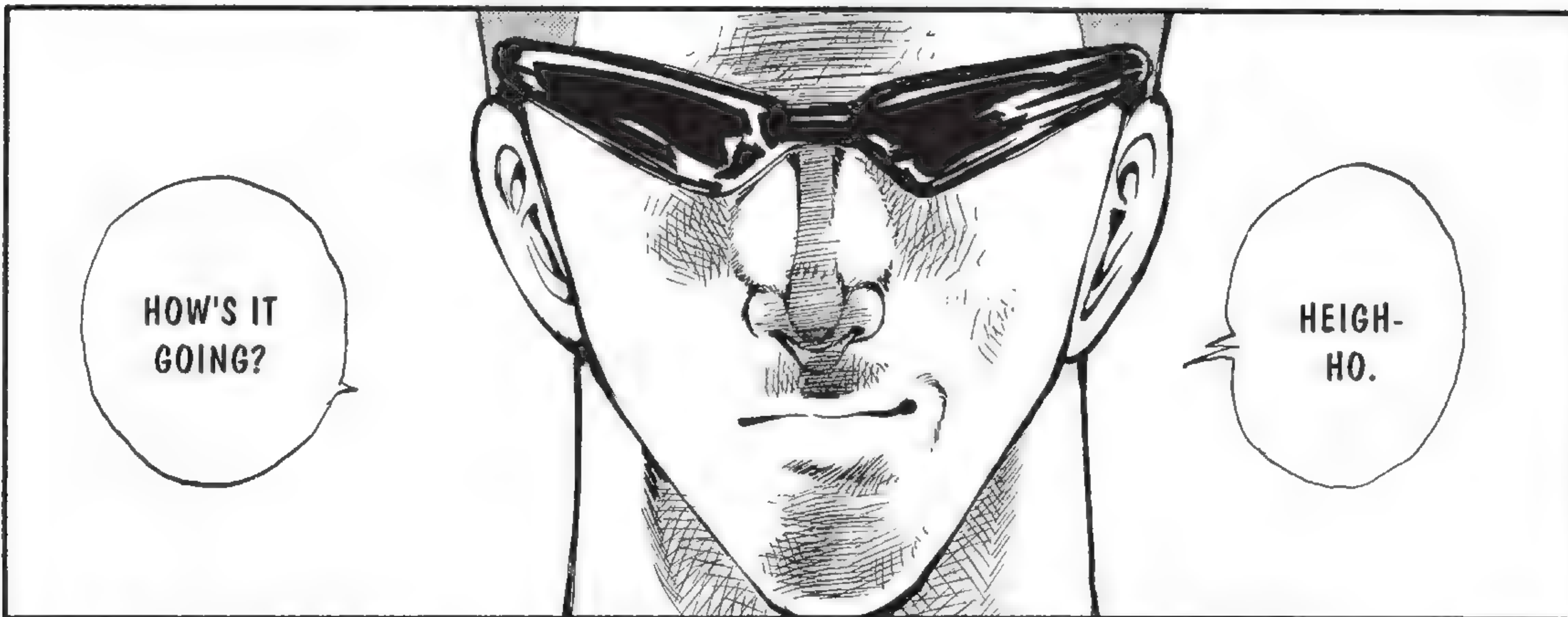
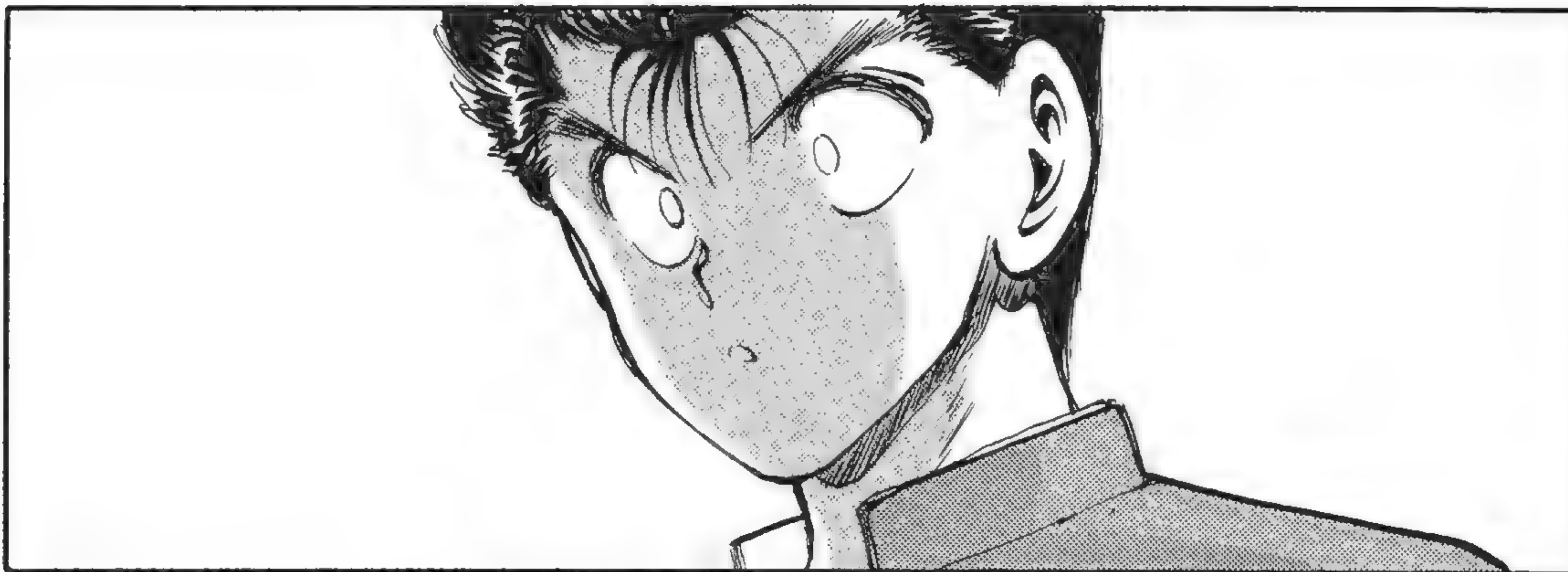
YOU'RE
NOT UP FOR
ANY ASSIGN-
MENTS RIGHT
NOW, SO TAKE
A BREATHER.

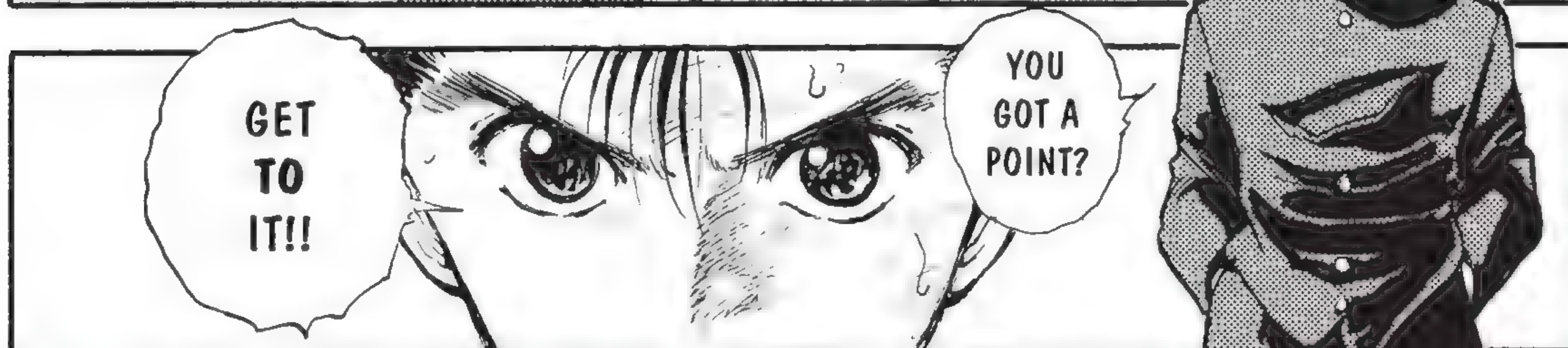
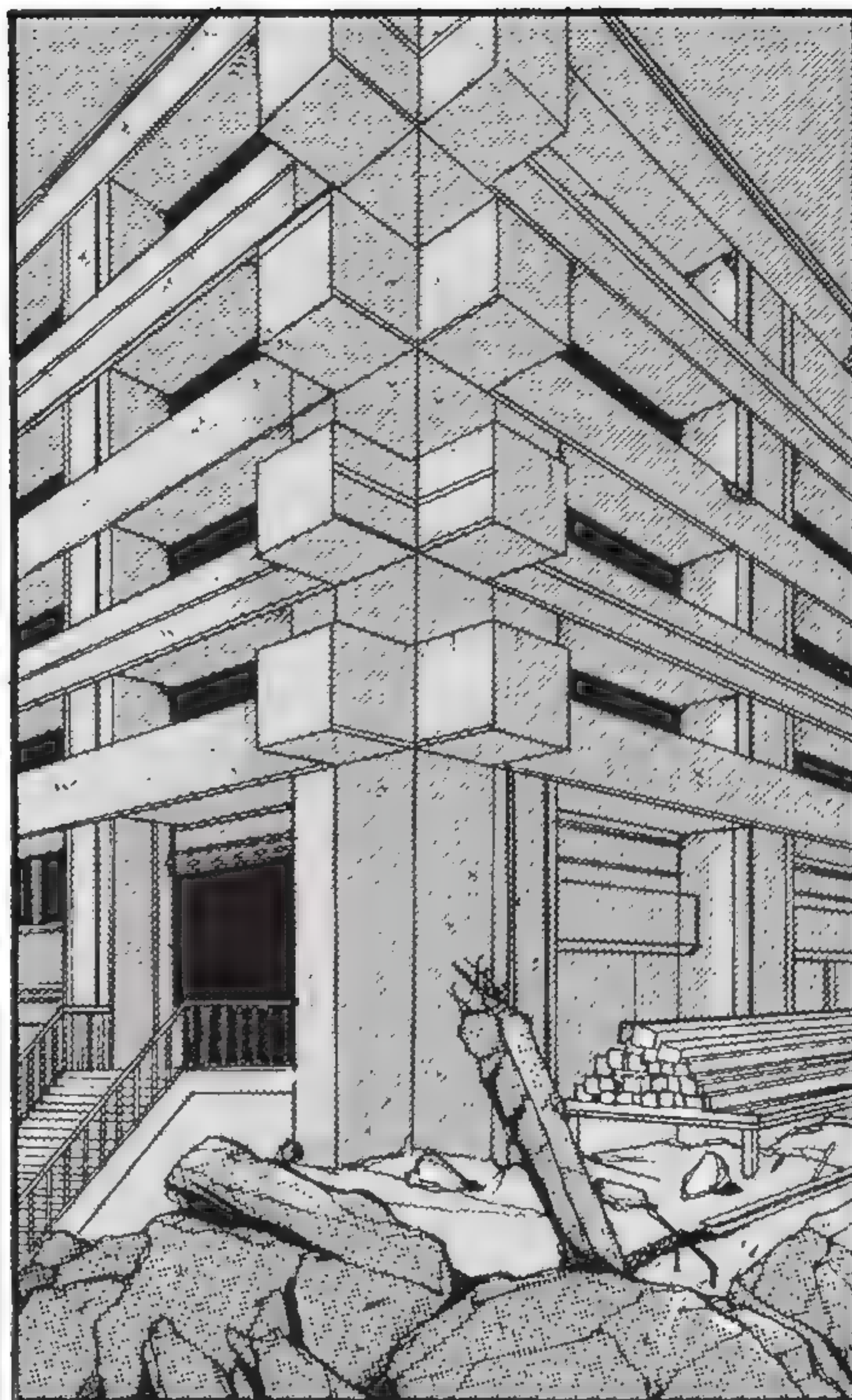
YEAH...
WELL,
CASE
CLOSED.

LEAVING IT TO
HIM TO WATCH
IT OR NOT?
THAT'S PRETTY
LAME, BOTAN.

WE
COMPROMISED
BY ASSIGNING
HIM TO DELIVER
THAT TAPE TO
YOU.









...YOUR
INSTINCTS
KNOW
OTHERWISE.

TOUGH
GUY,
HUH?
WELL...



DON'T
KID
YOUR-
SELF!

HAH!



THAT'S WHY
I THOUGHT
I'D SHOW
YOU...

...AND
YOU'LL GET
STRONGER.

YOU
ARE
STRONG...

IF YOU
COULD
LEARN ONE
THING,
LEARN TO
RECOGNIZE
DANGER.



H
A
A
A
H!

ROO
P



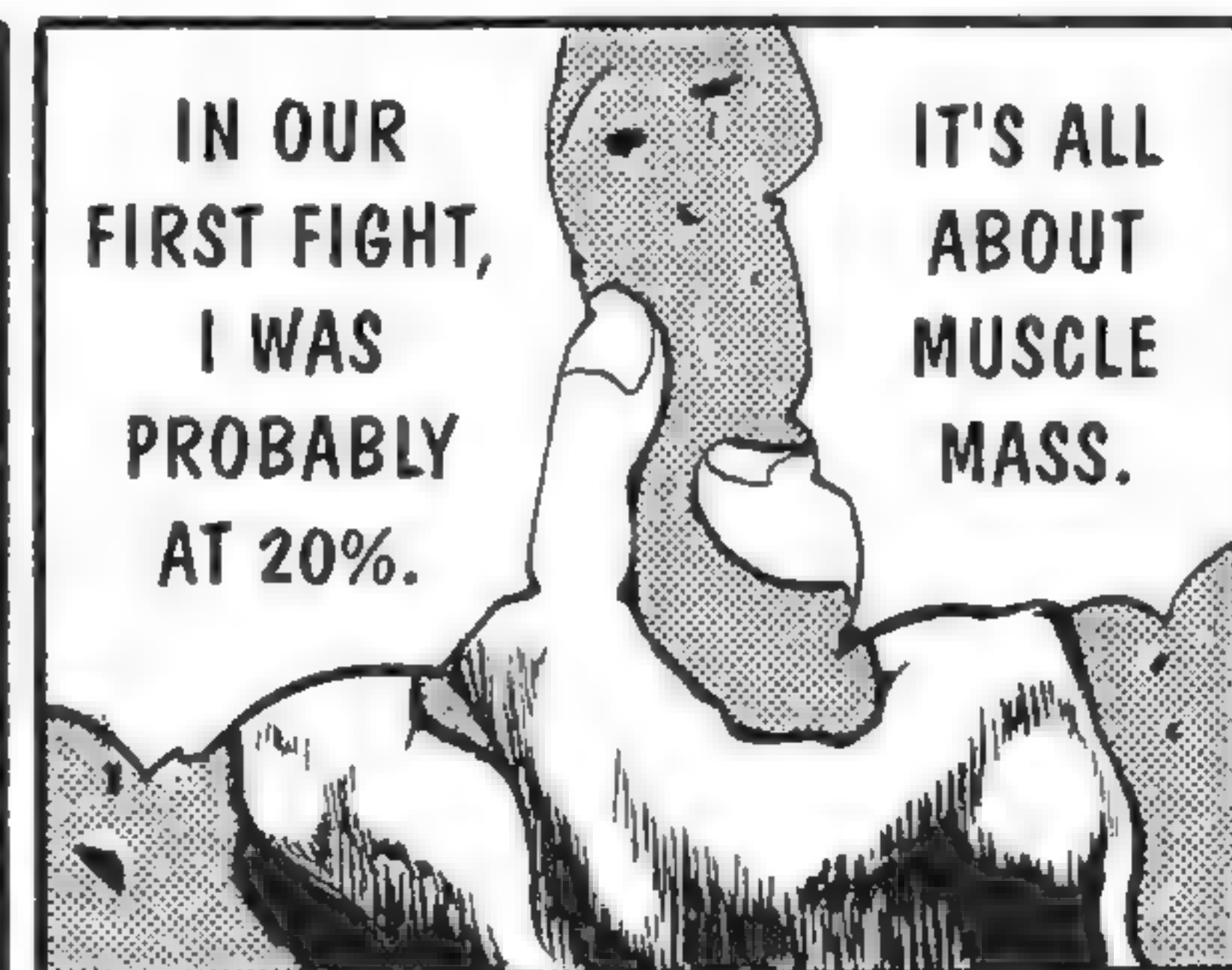
...THE
REAL
ME!

P
S

CRACK



...



IN OUR
FIRST FIGHT,
I WAS
PROBABLY
AT 20%.

IT'S ALL
ABOUT
MUSCLE
MASS.

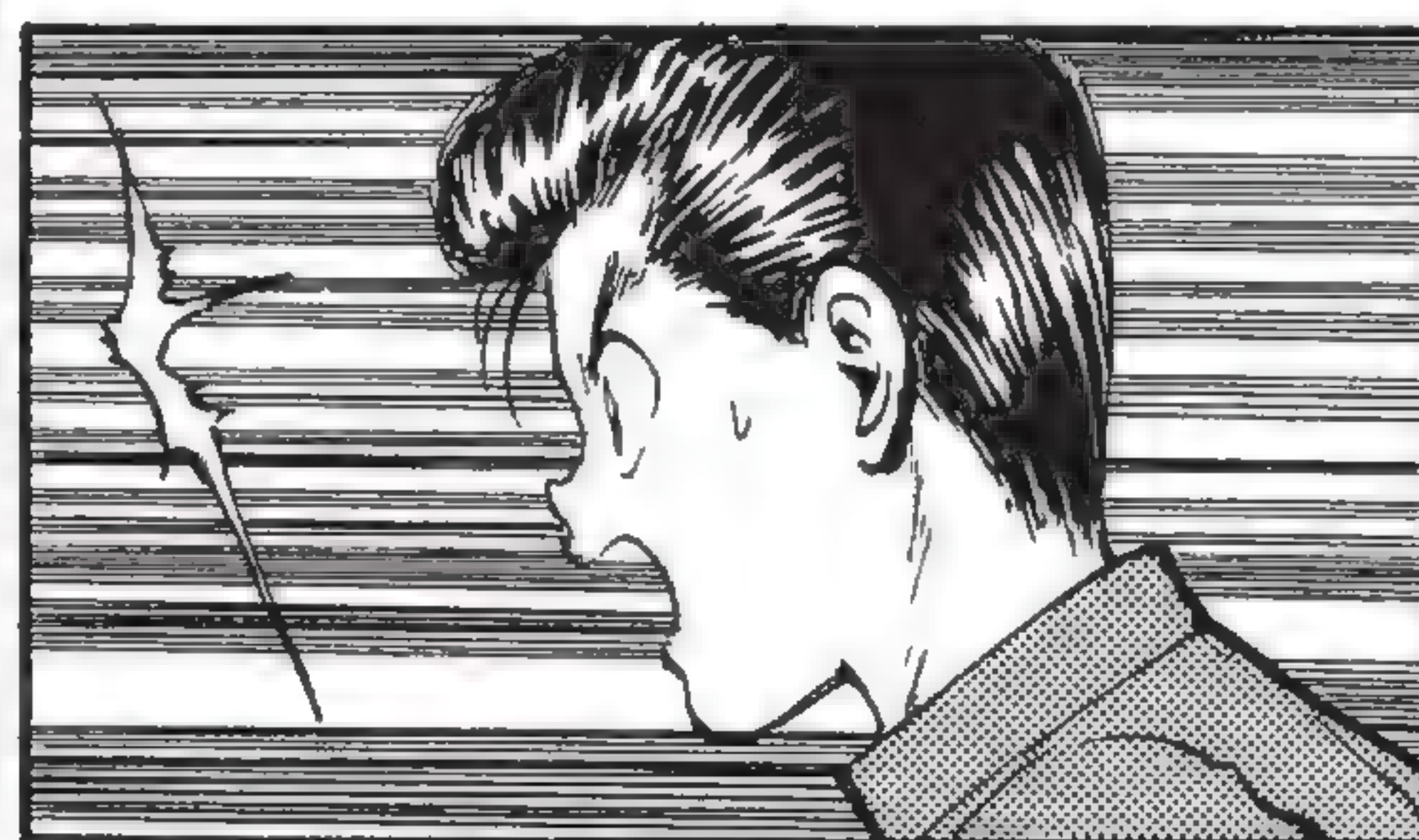
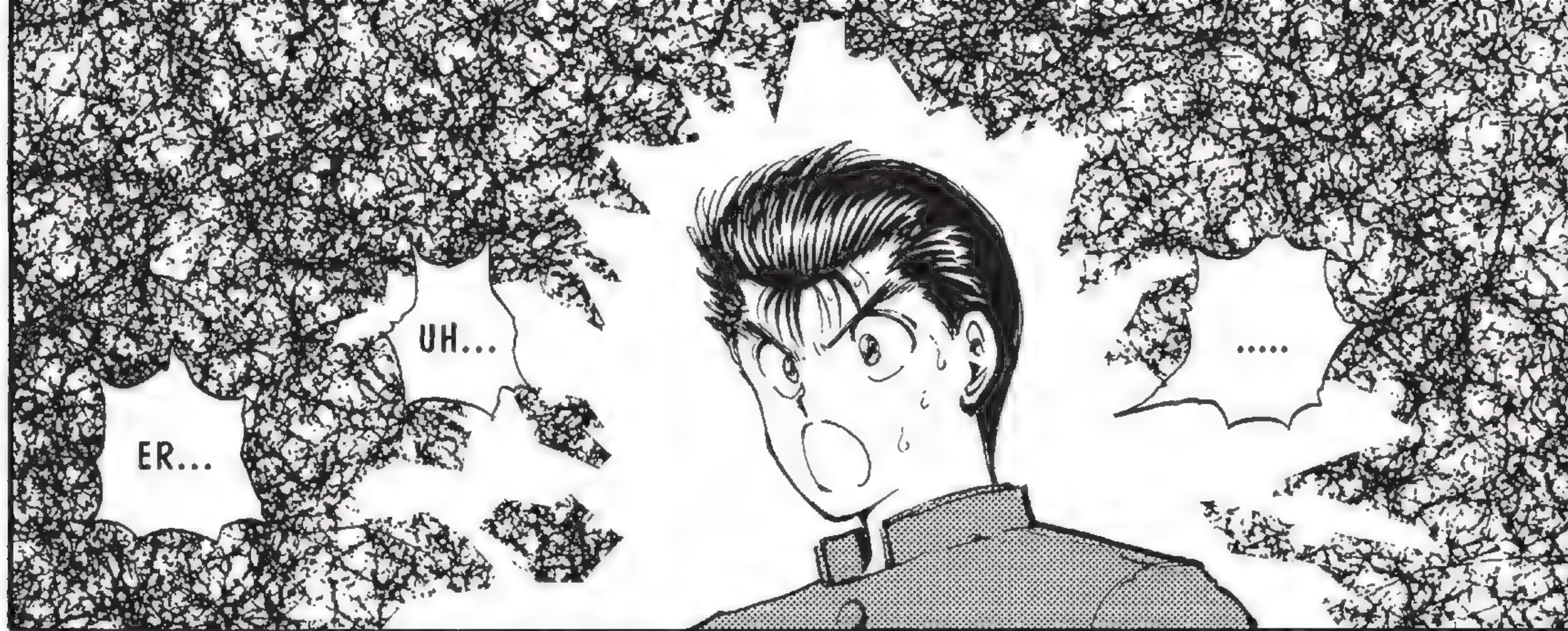


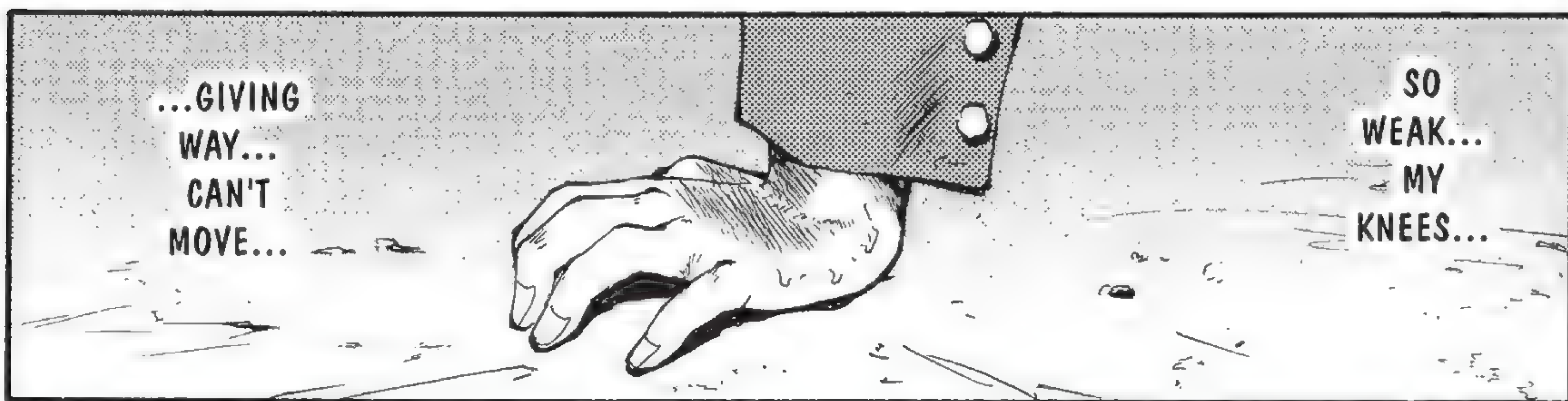
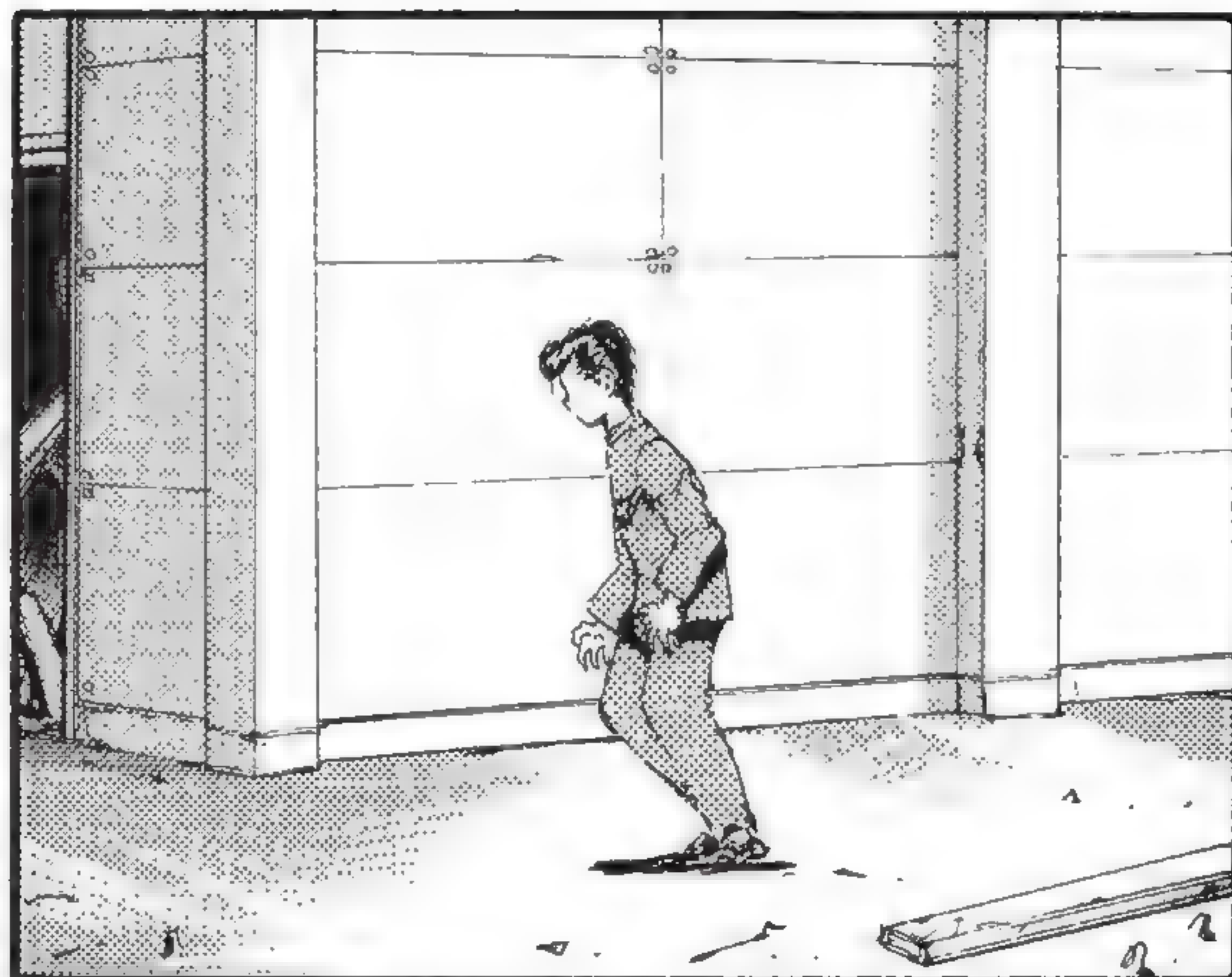
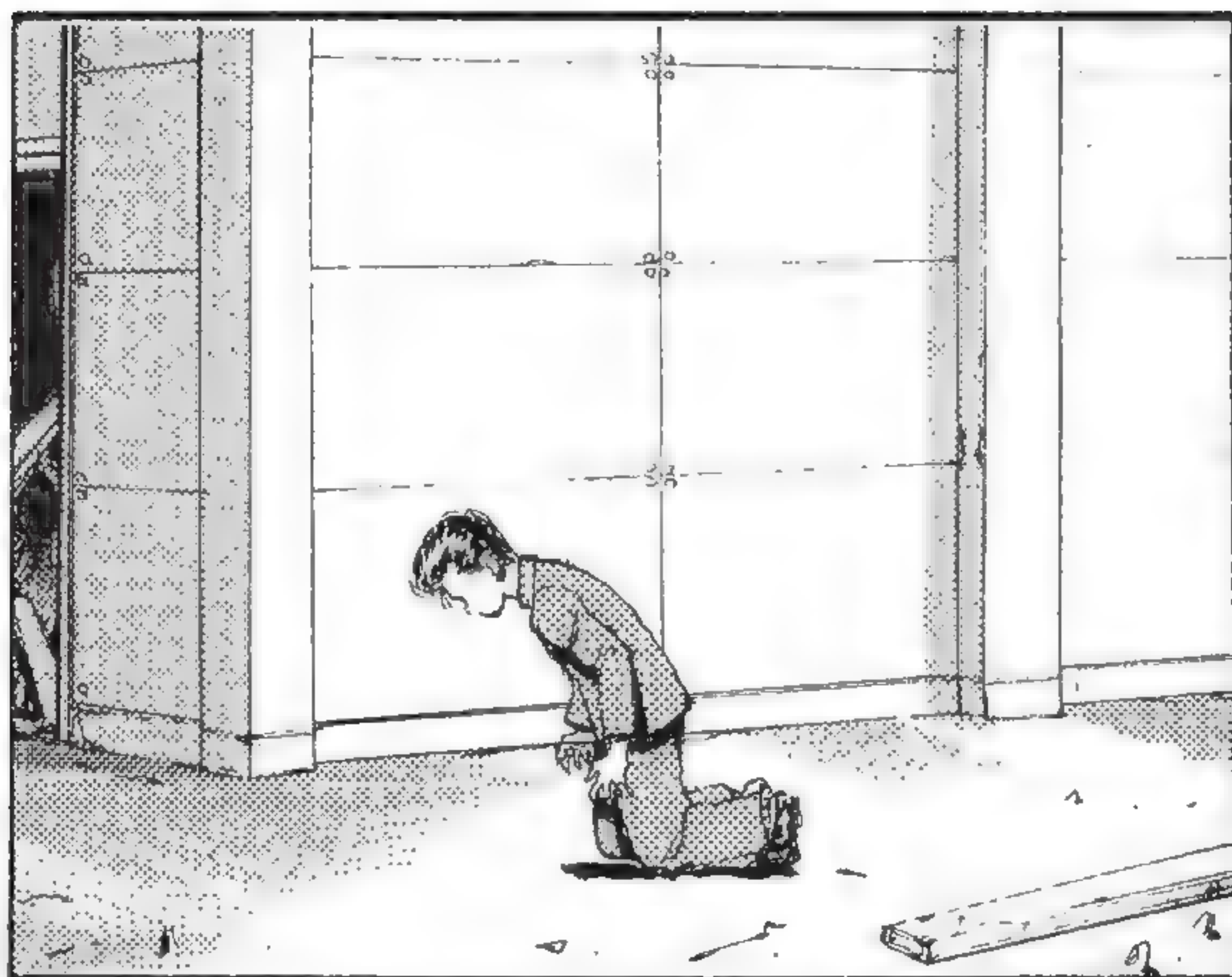
PHEW...

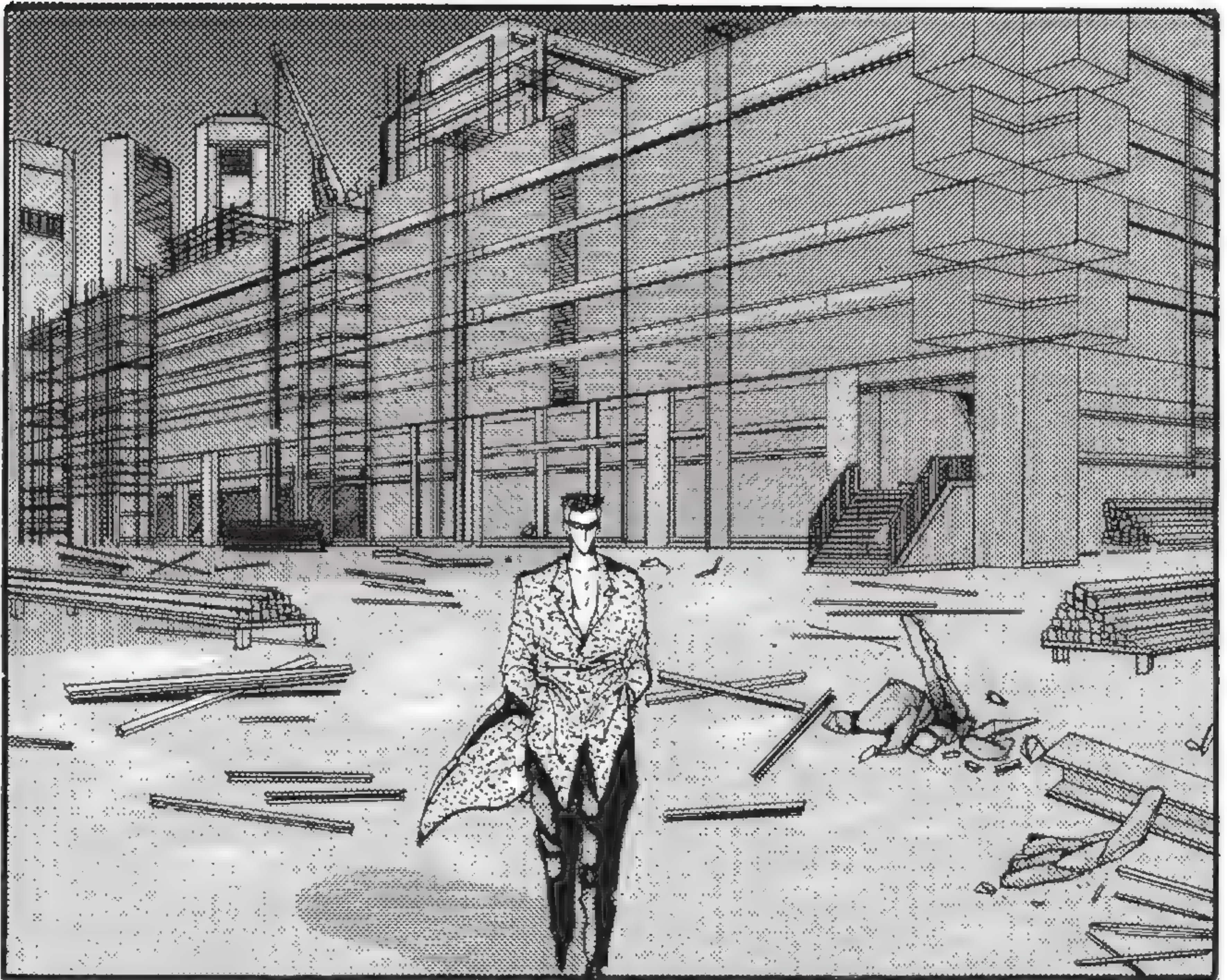
DOOM DOOM DOOM DOOM DOOM

**I COULD LEVEL
THIS BUILDING IN
THREE MINUTES!
WANNA SEE?**

**I'M NOW
UP TO
ABOUT
60%.**







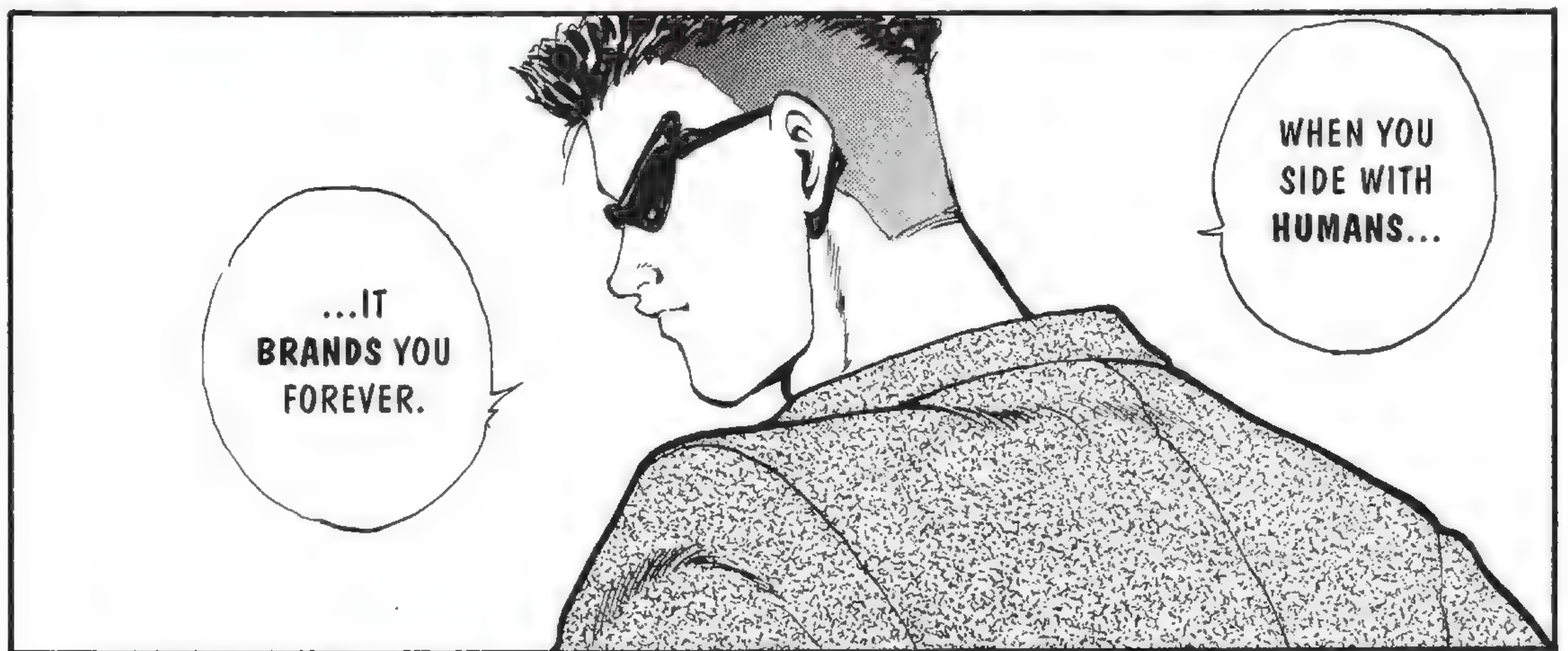


YOU'LL BE ON
URAMESHI'S
TEAM, OF
COURSE.



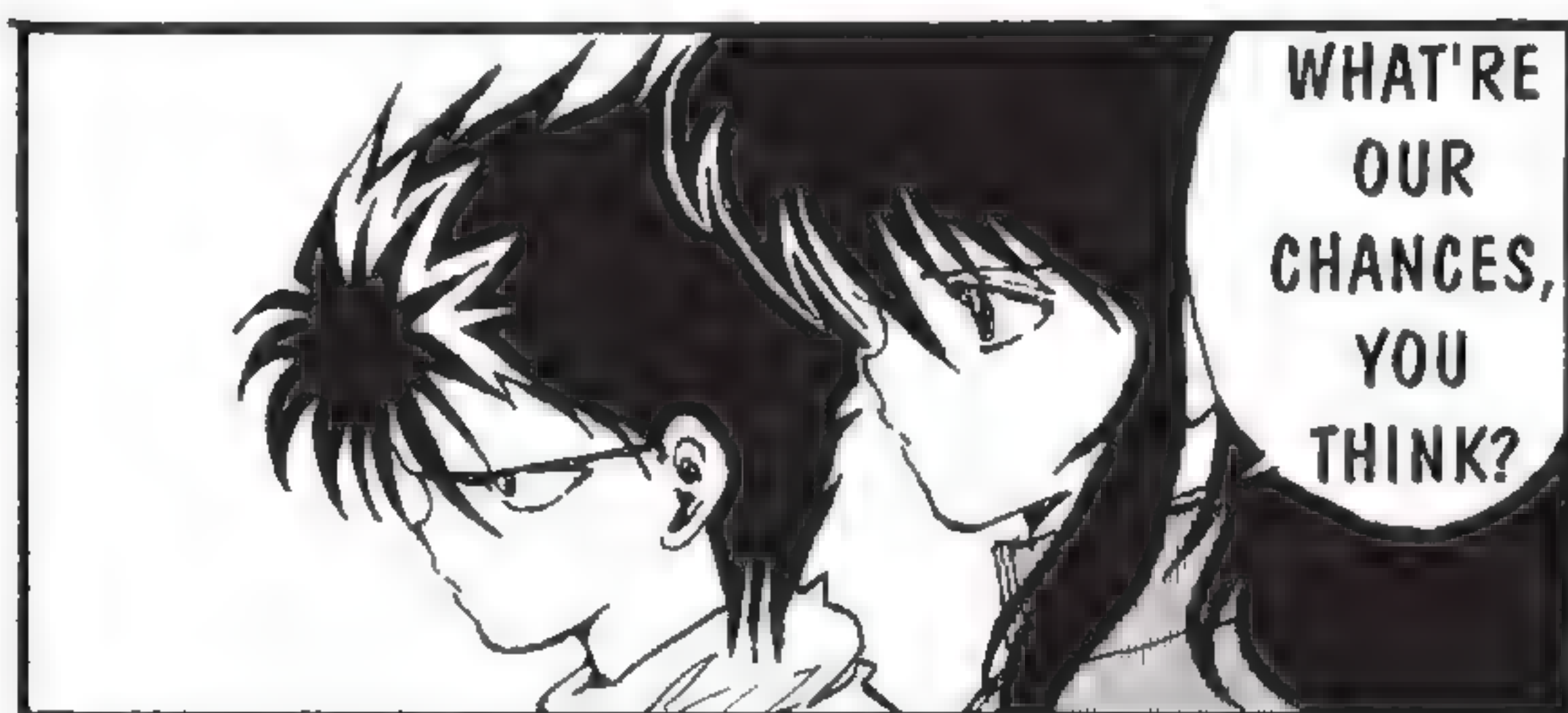
...THAT
YOU'VE
RECEIVED
YOUR
INVITATIONS.

I SEE BY
YOUR
FACES...

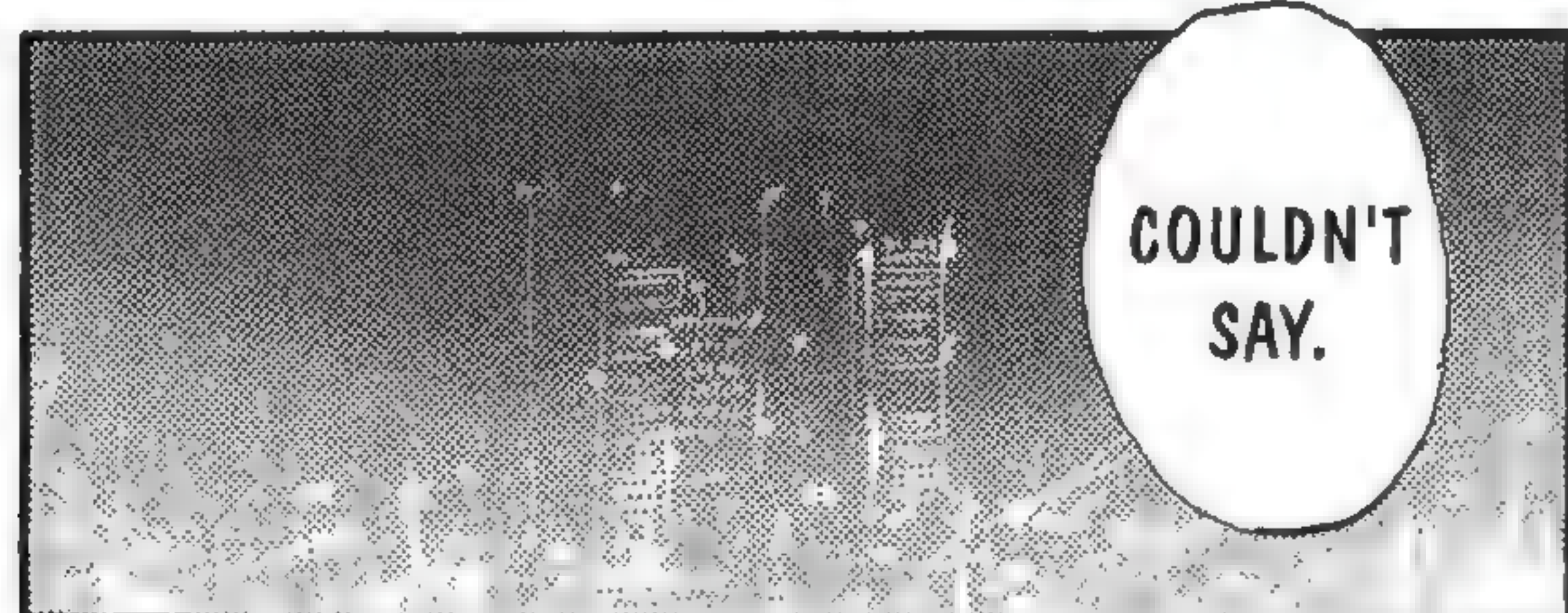


...IT
BRANDS YOU
FOREVER.

WHEN YOU
SIDE WITH
HUMANS...



WHAT'RE
OUR
CHANCES,
YOU
THINK?

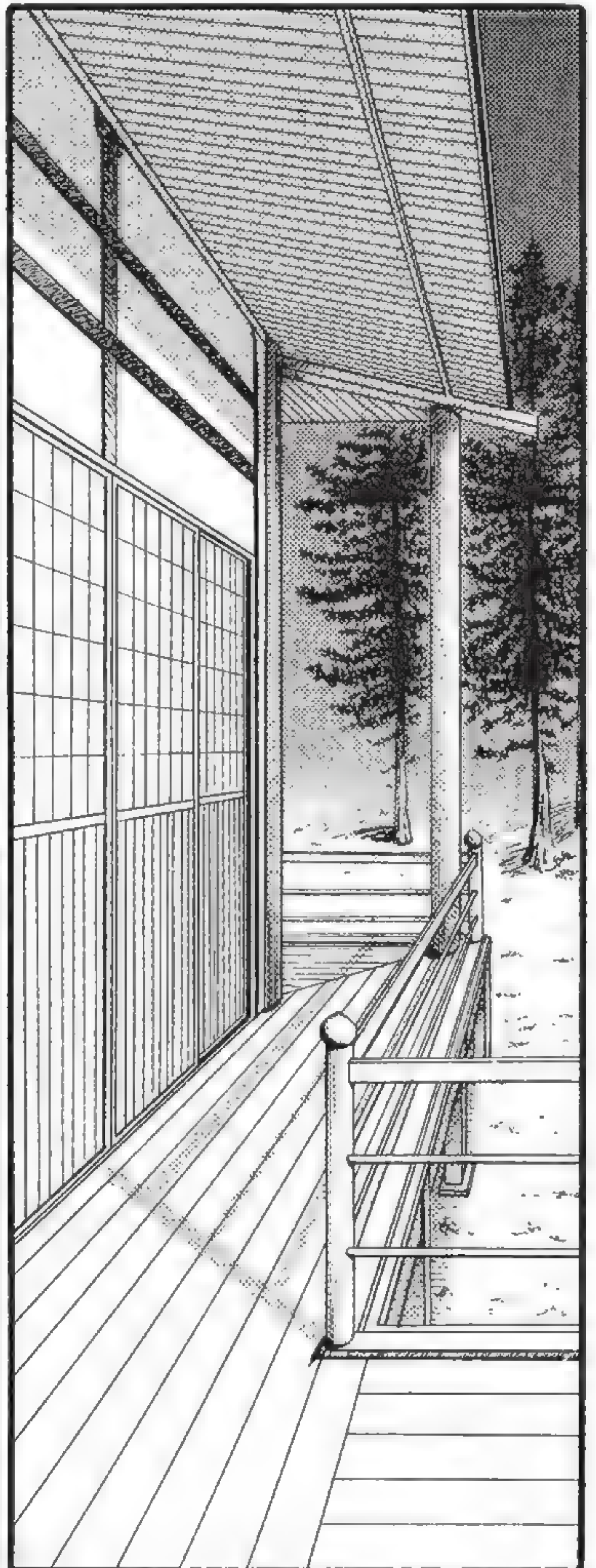
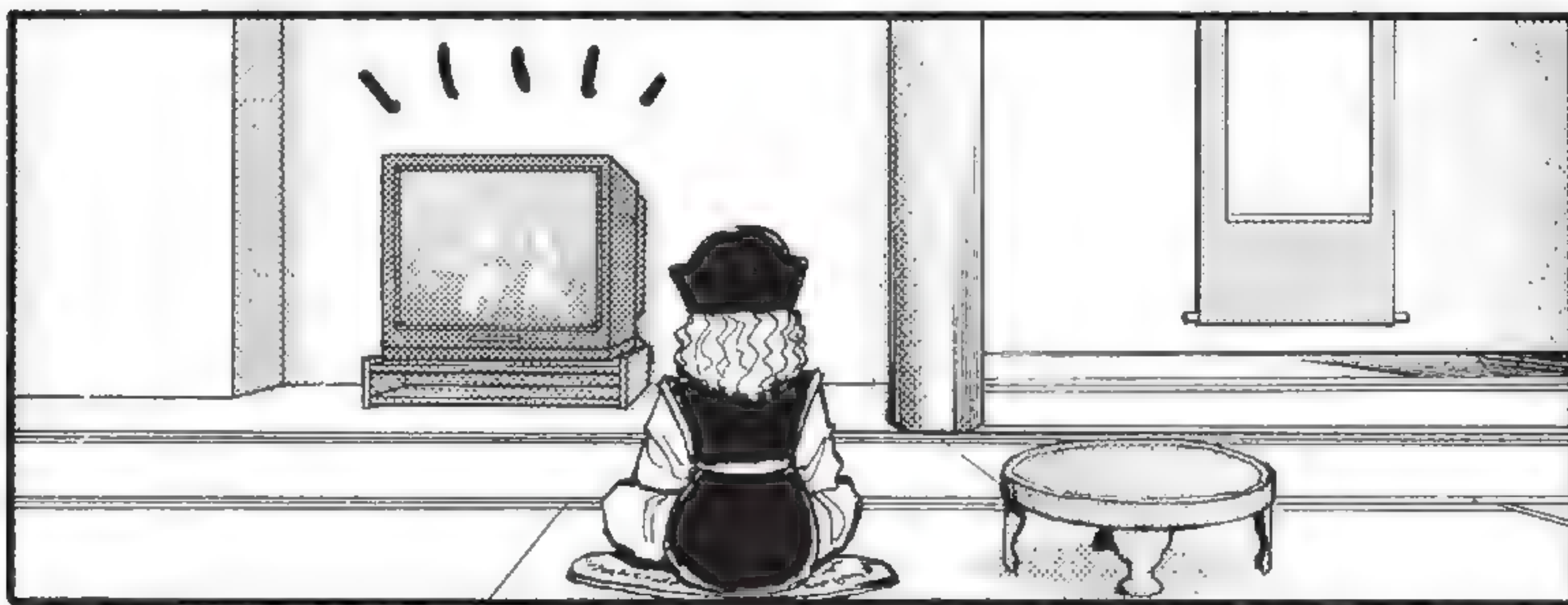
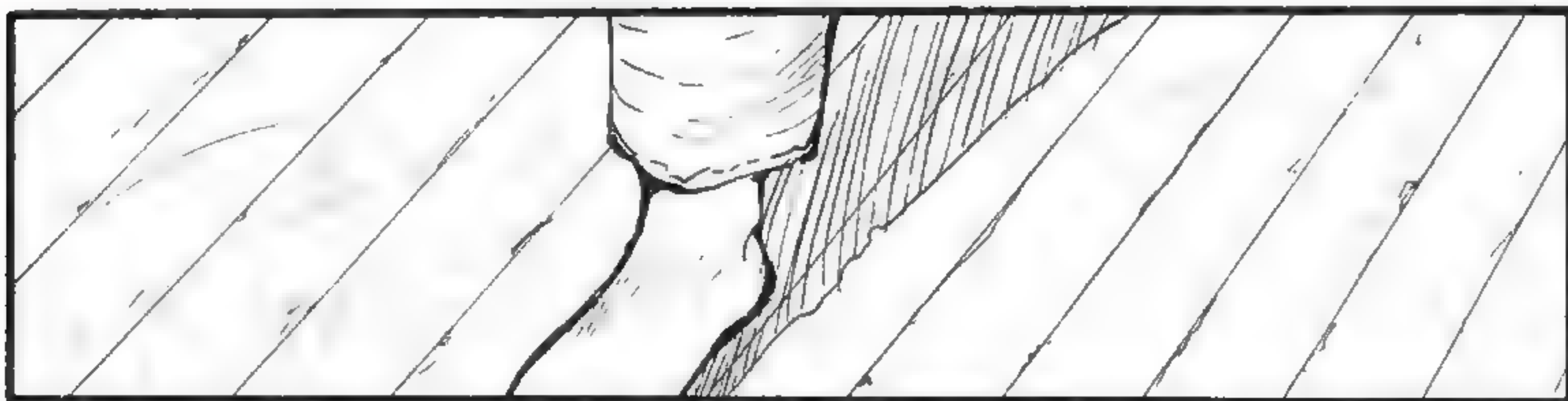


COULDN'T
SAY.



MY ADVICE?
SELECT FOR
STRENGTH
AND
SMARTS.

YOUR
FIFTH IS
UP TO
YOU.





**TIME
PASSES...**

**...TWO
MONTHS
GO BY...**

**THE PLACE--
REMOTE
HANGMAN
ISLAND...**

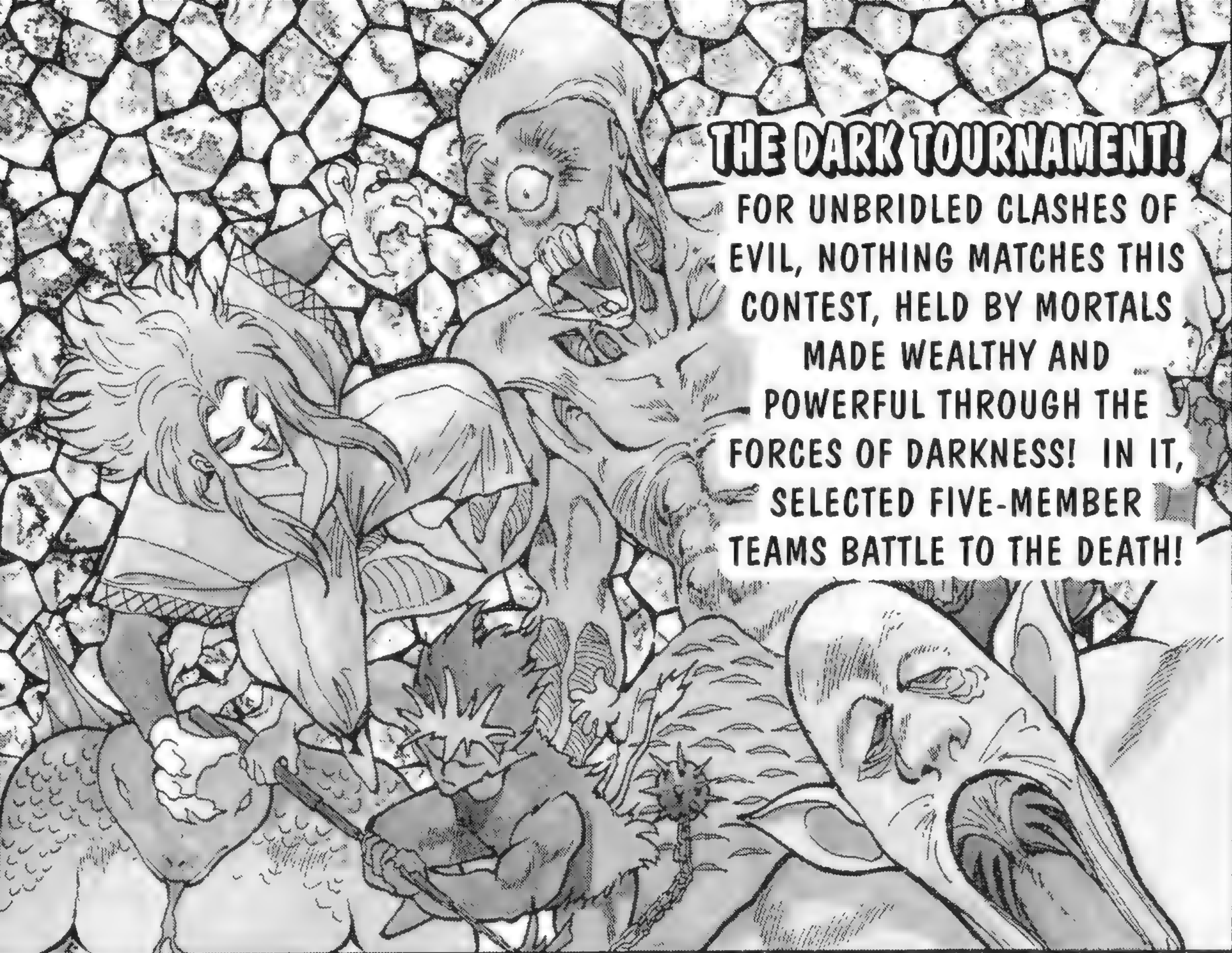
**...AND
THE DAY OF
THE DARK
TOURNAMENT
ARRIVES!**







**THE DARK
TOURNAMENT
BEGINS!!!**



THE DARK TOURNAMENT!

FOR UNBRIDLED CLASHES OF EVIL, NOTHING MATCHES THIS CONTEST, HELD BY MORTALS MADE WEALTHY AND POWERFUL THROUGH THE FORCES OF DARKNESS! IN IT, SELECTED FIVE-MEMBER TEAMS BATTLE TO THE DEATH!

REFUSING TO COMPETE MEANS DEATH. THE ONLY WAY TO SURVIVE IS TO WIN.

THOUGH DEMONS ARE THE TYPICAL CONTESTANTS, HUMANS WHO HAVE STUCK THEIR NOSES TOO FAR INTO UNDERWORLD AFFAIRS ARE OFTEN FORCED TO JOIN "GUEST" TEAMS.

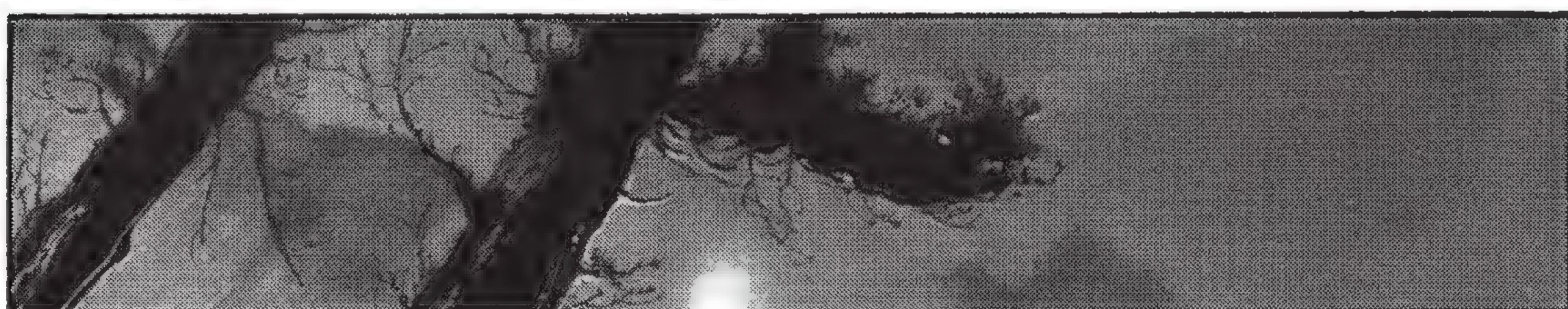
**HIEI:
DEMON**

**KURAMA:
DEMON**

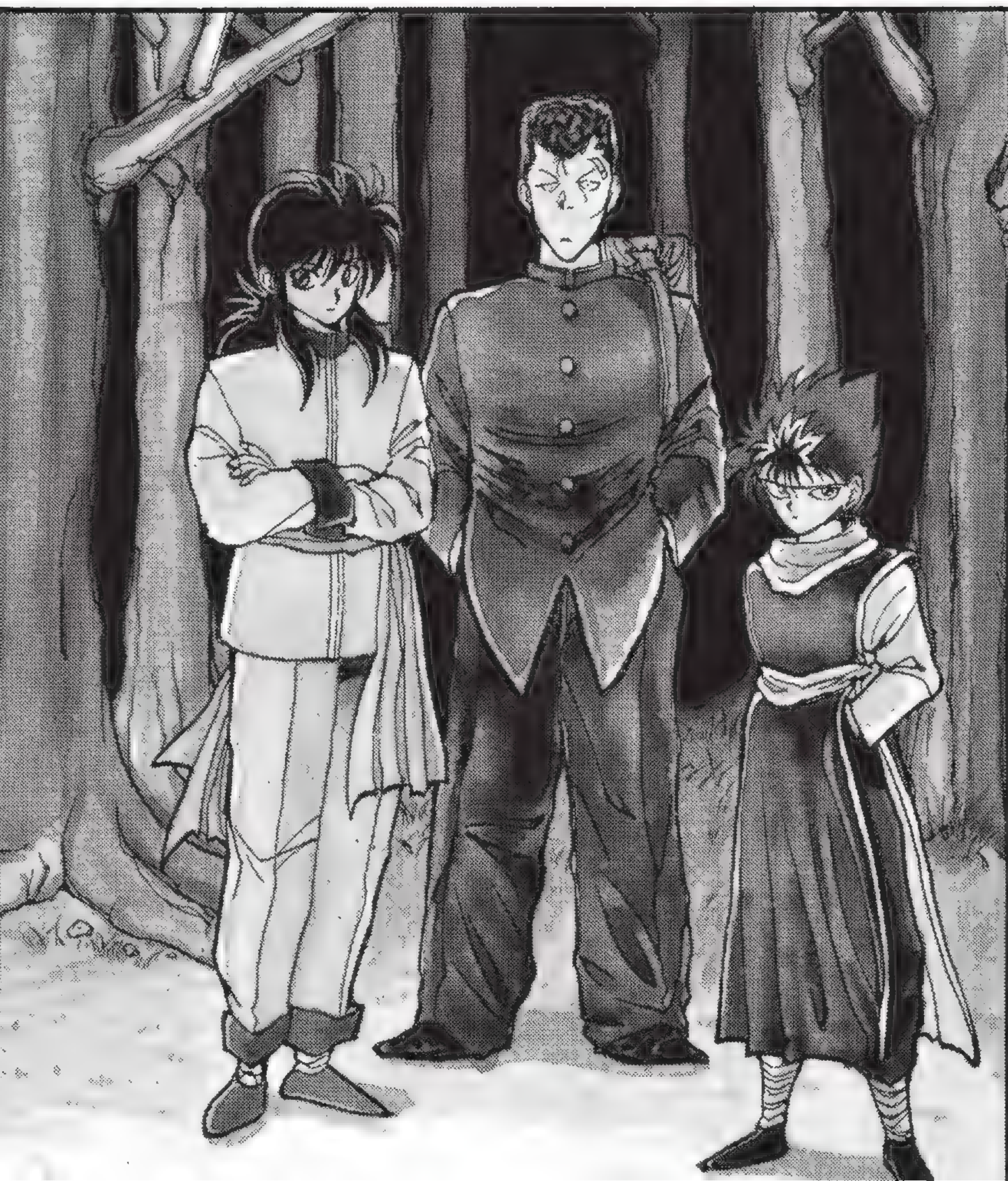
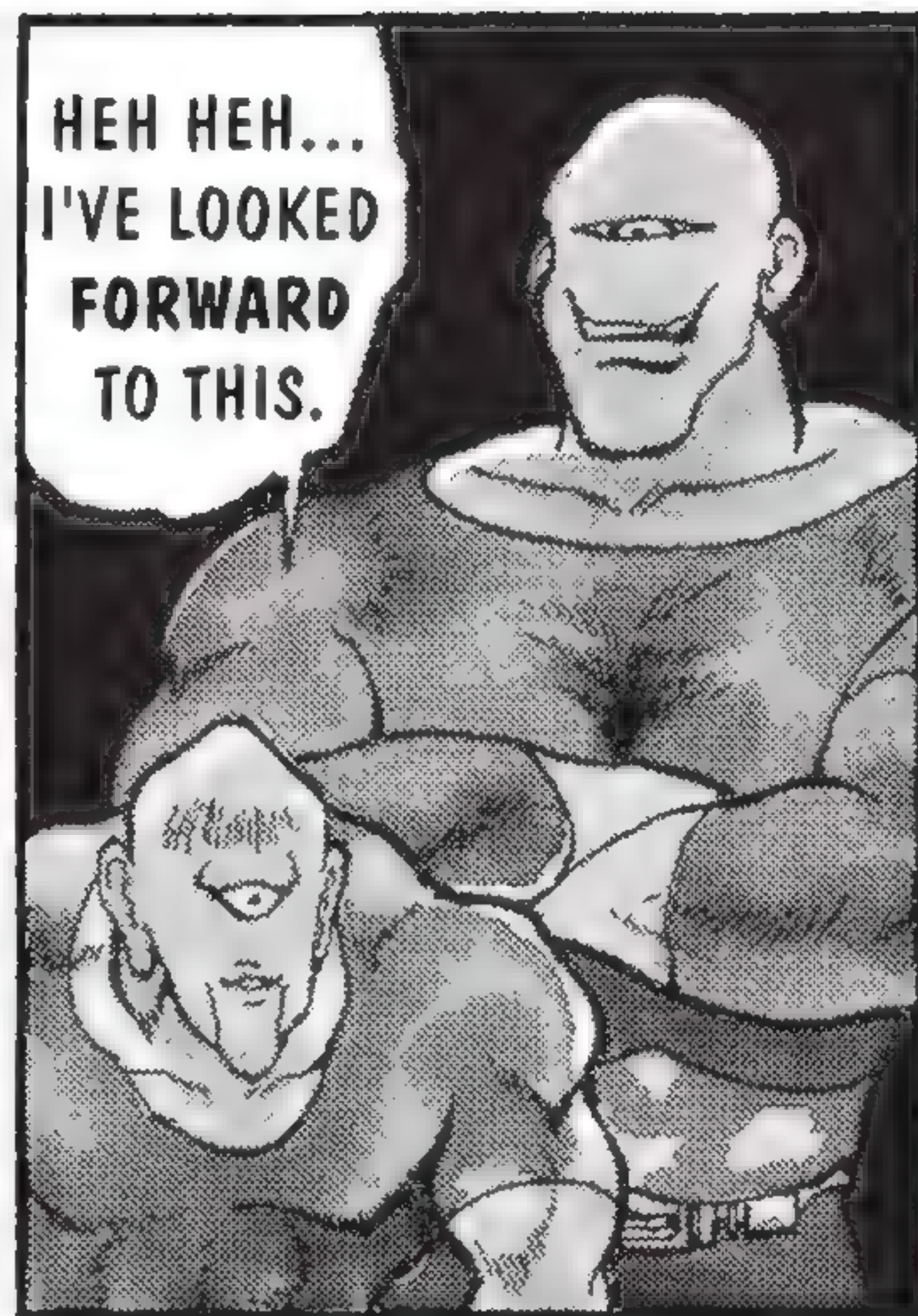
**KAZUMA
KUWABARA:
HUMAN**

**YUSUKE
URAMESHI:
HUMAN**

GUESTS THIS ROUND ARE:









KURAMA'S
HELPED ME
SHAPE UP!

ME?
YOU
BETCHA!



...AND THE DARK
WORLD'S GONNA
FEAR ME!
NO DEMON WILL
DARE MESS WITH
YUKINA AGAIN!

I'M
GONNA
WIN...



NEVER MIND
ALL THAT.
ARE YOU
READY?

...AND
WE NEVER
ROUNDED UP
A FIFTH
TEAMMATE.

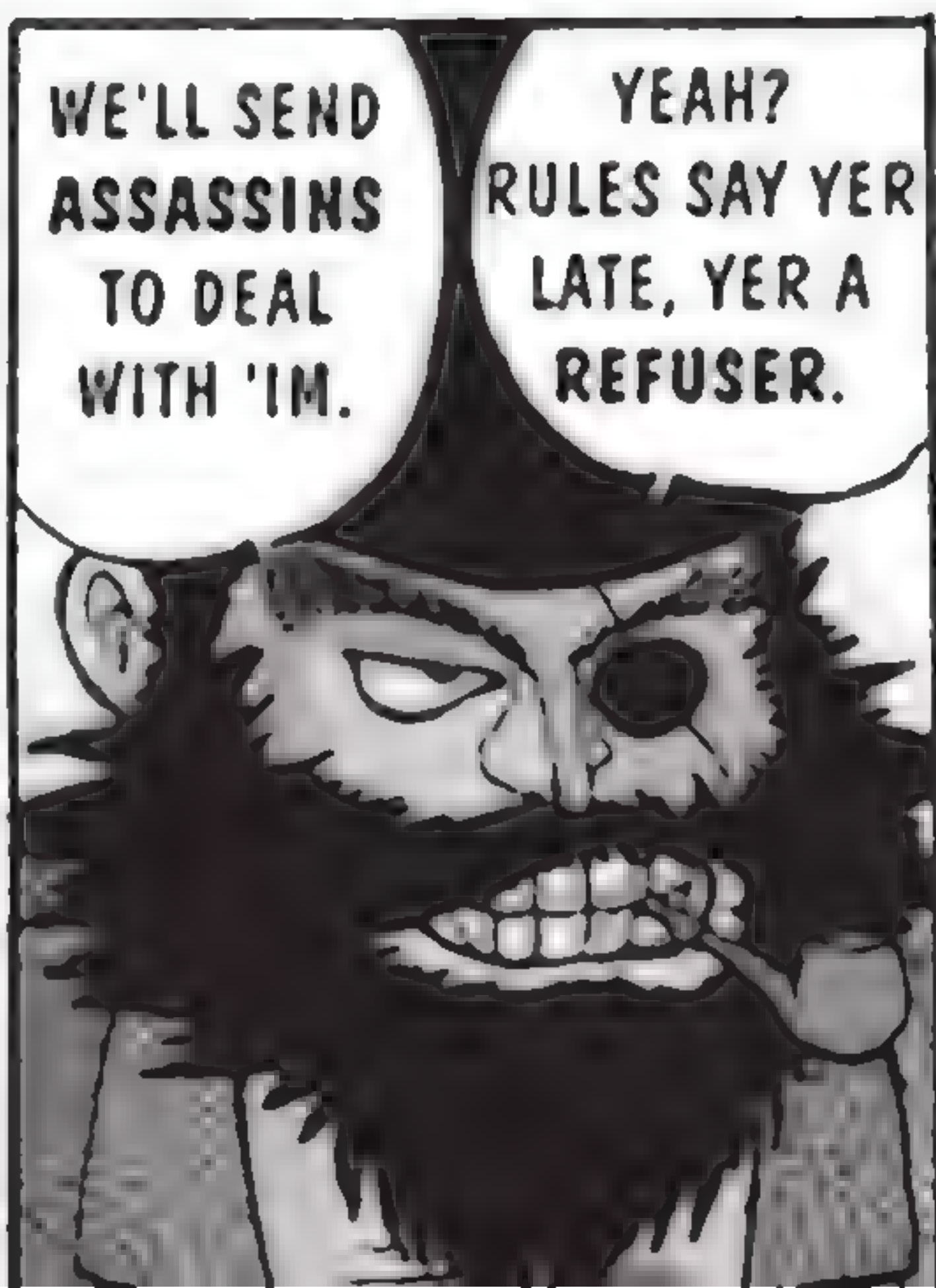
THIS ISN'T
STARTING
WELL.
URAMESHI'S
LATE...



ALL ABOARD,
EVERYBODY.
TIME TO GO.



NO
NEED
FOR
THAT.



WE'LL SEND
ASSASSINS
TO DEAL
WITH 'IM.

YEAH?
RULES SAY YER
LATE, YER A
REFUSER.



HOLD IT!
ONE "GUEST"
ISN'T HERE
YET!



SOMEONE TO
HOLD UP
THE PARTY.



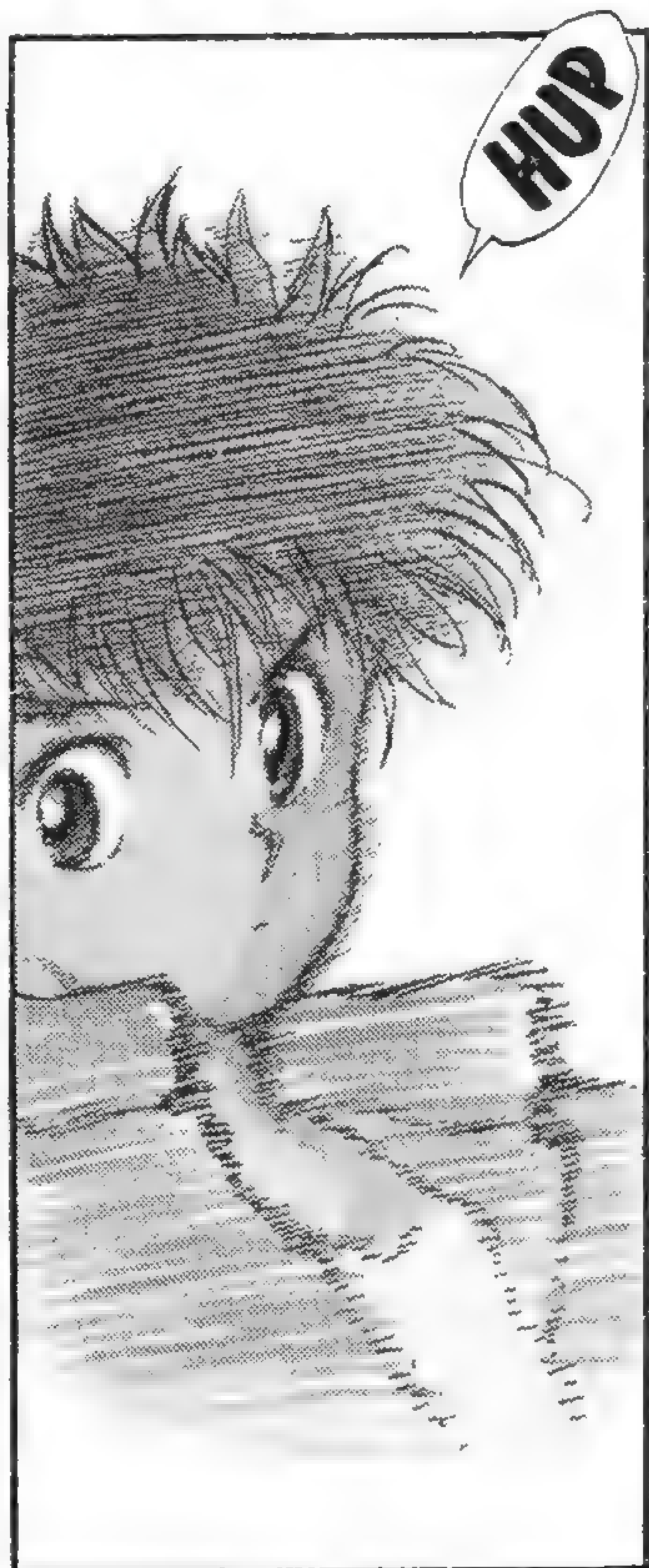
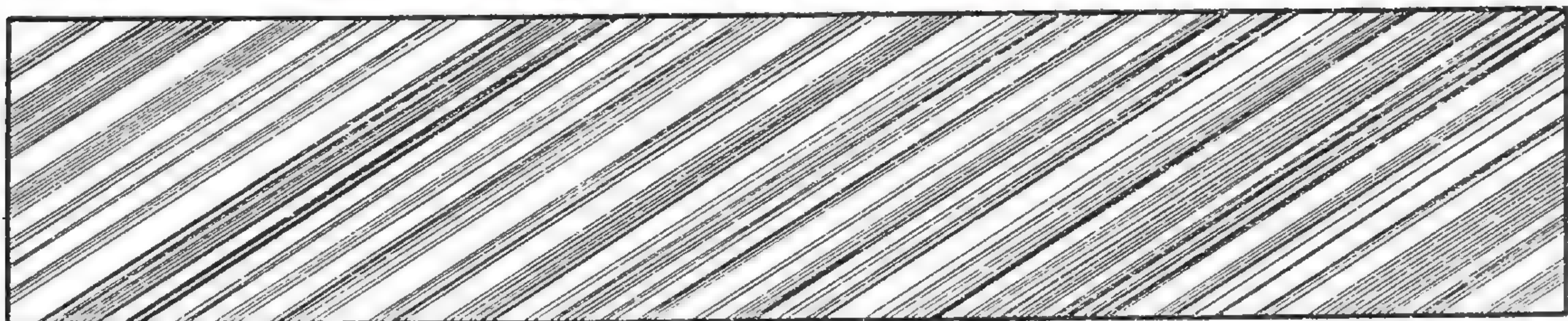
THE ONE
WHO GOT
RANDO AND
SUZAKU...

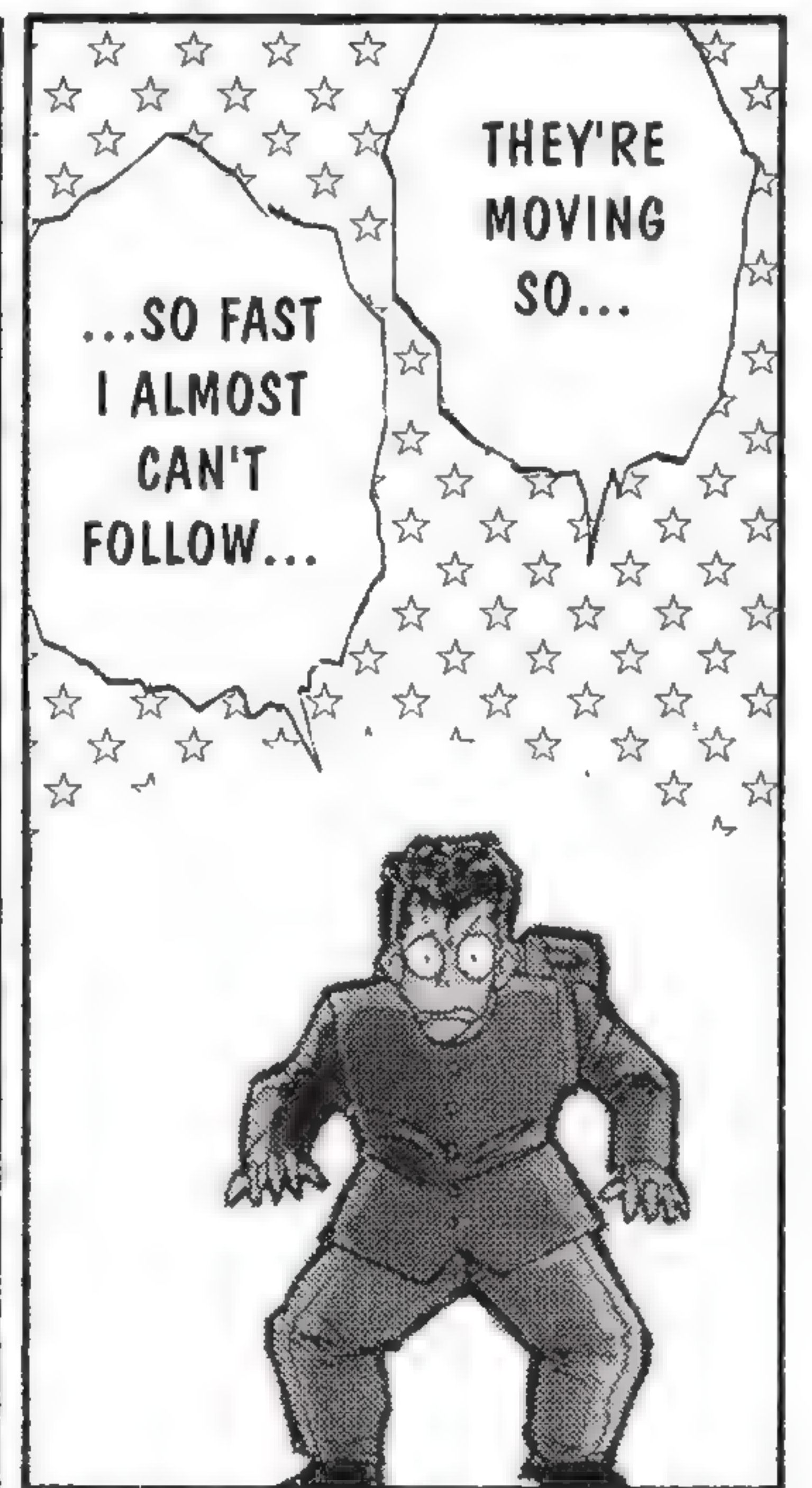
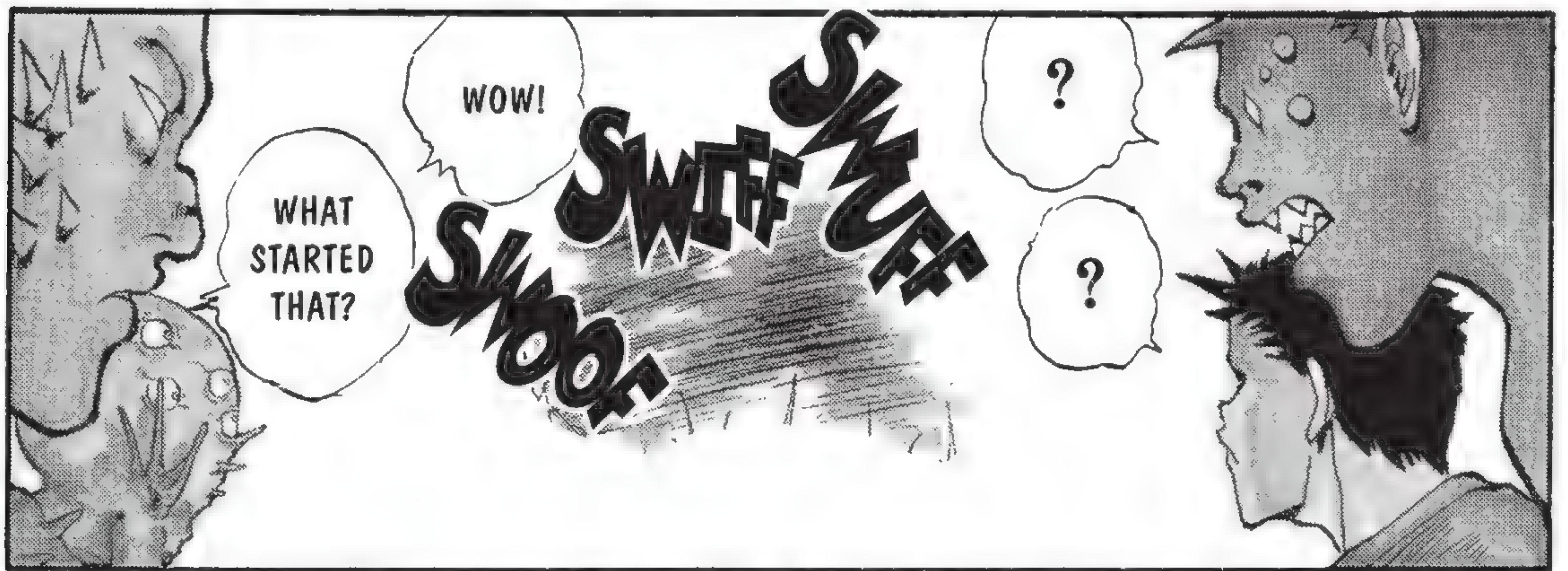
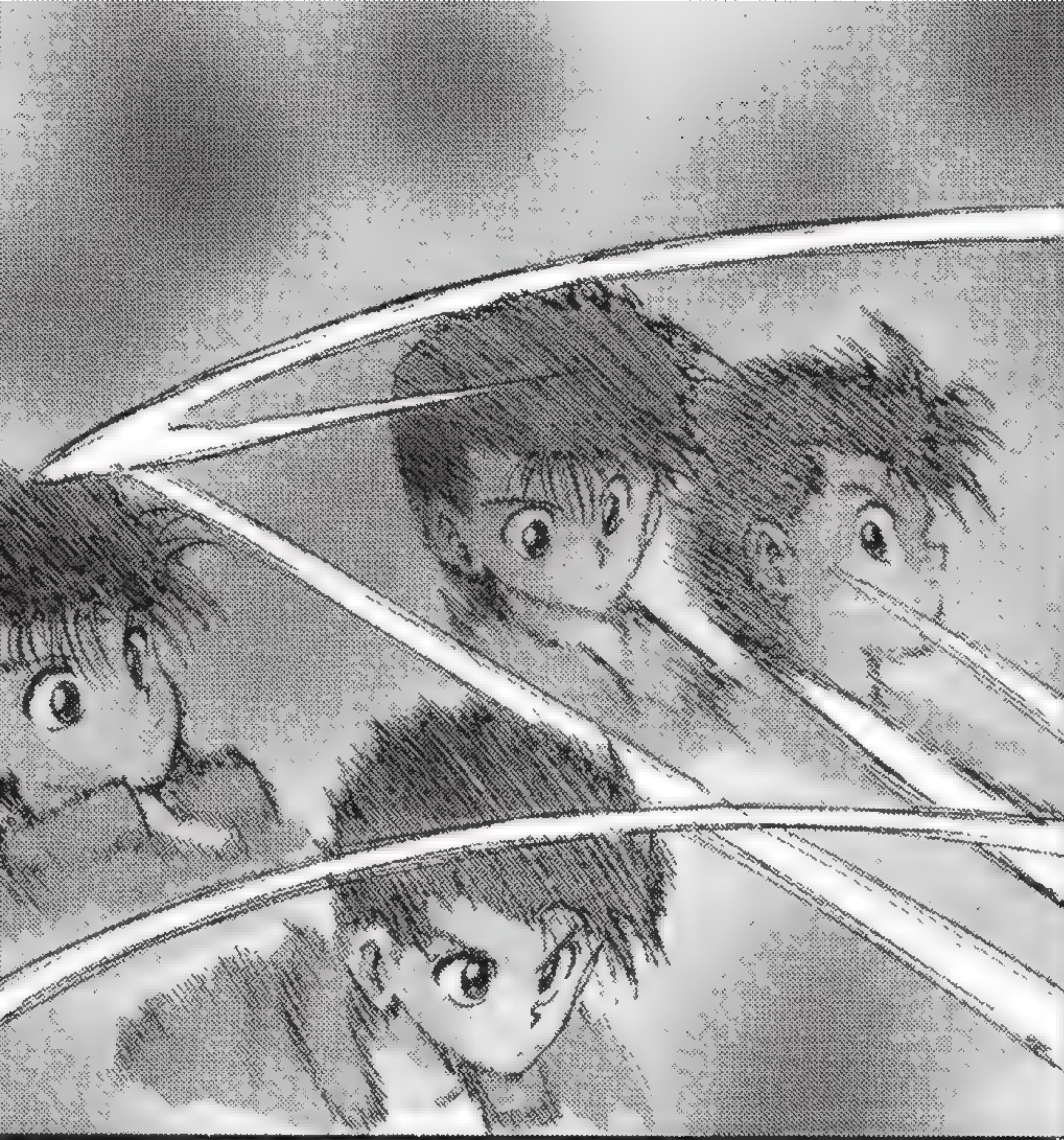
WE TAKE
HIM DOWN,
WE GOT IT
MADE!

URAMESHI...?



WHERE YOU
BEEN,
URAMESHI?!







I DON'T
KNOW HOW
YOU DID IT,
BUT YOUR SKILLS
ARE **ALMOST**
ADEQUATE.



YOU DID FOLLOW
THEIR MOVES,
WHICH SHOWS
YOU'VE PRO-
GRESSED.

DON'T
SWEAT
IT.

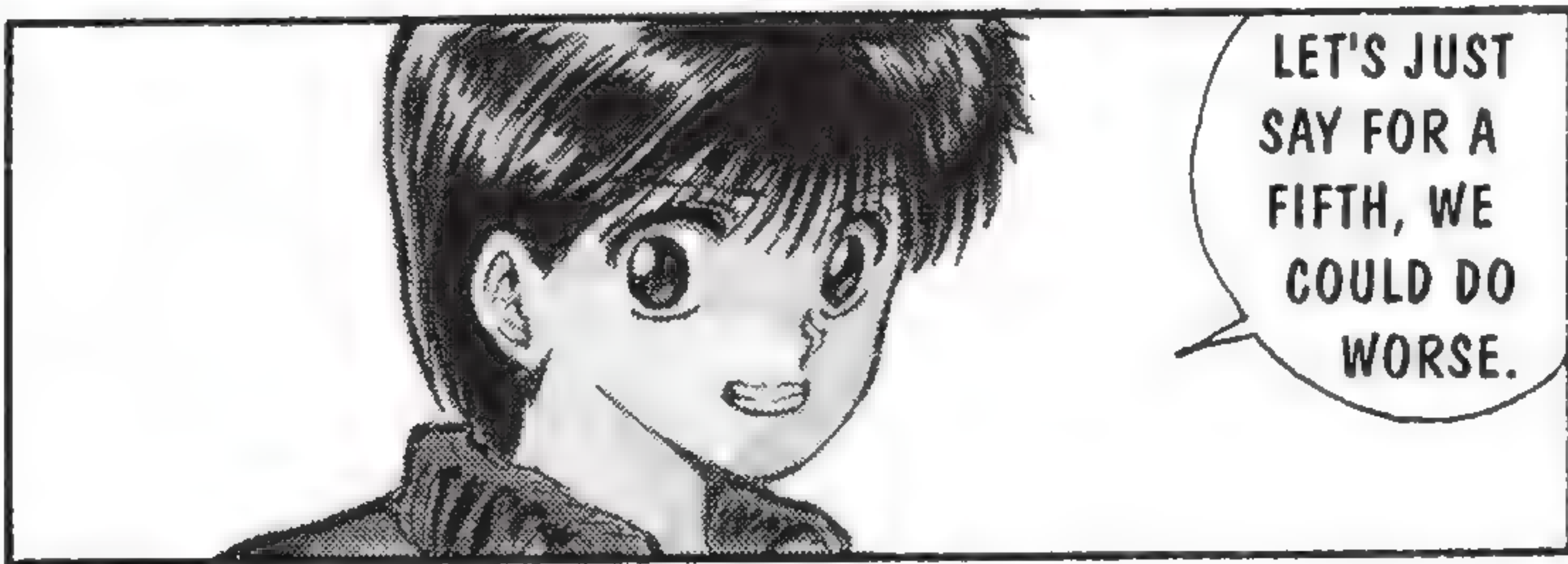
"**ALMOST**
ADEQUATE"?
I COULDN'T
MOVE LIKE THAT
IN A MILLION
YEARS!



I SUPPOSE
SHORT STUFF
HERE IS OUR
FIFTH
MEMBER?



HUH?

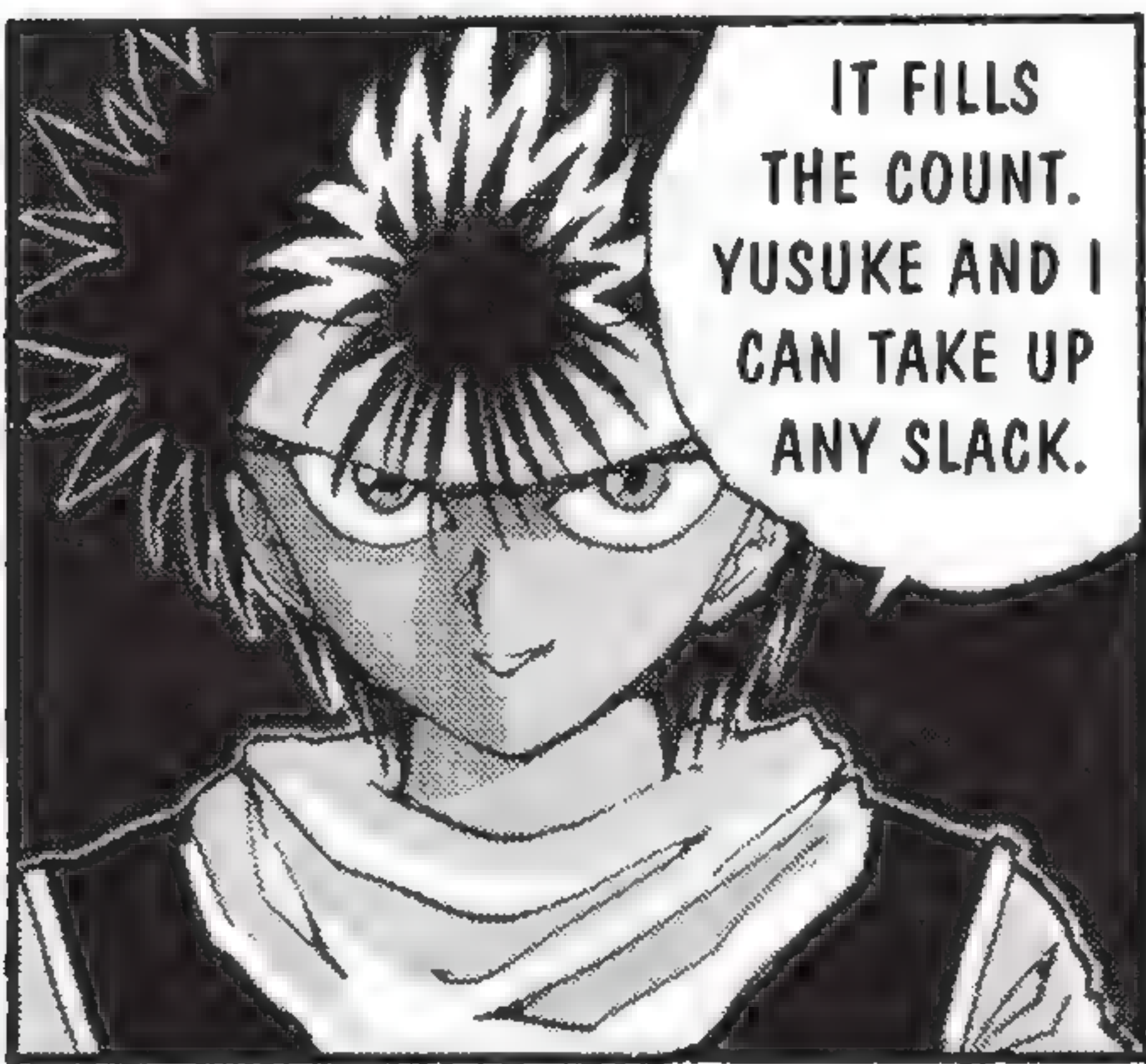


LET'S JUST
SAY FOR A
FIFTH, WE
COULD DO
WORSE.



IF I
SNEEZED
I'D BLOW
HIM CLEAR
TO MARS!

SOMEONE
SHORTER
THAN HIEI?!
I CAN BARELY
SEE HIM!

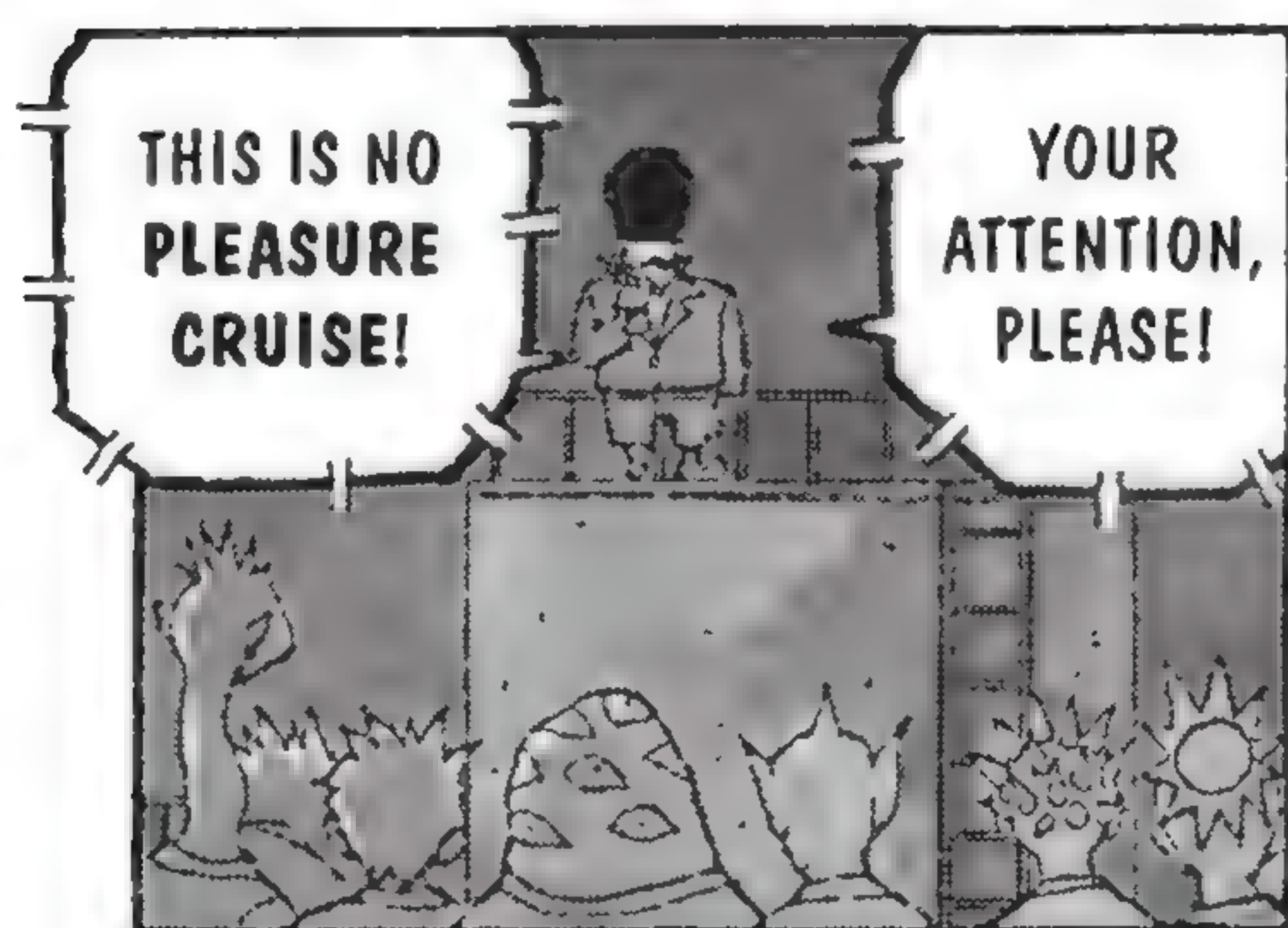
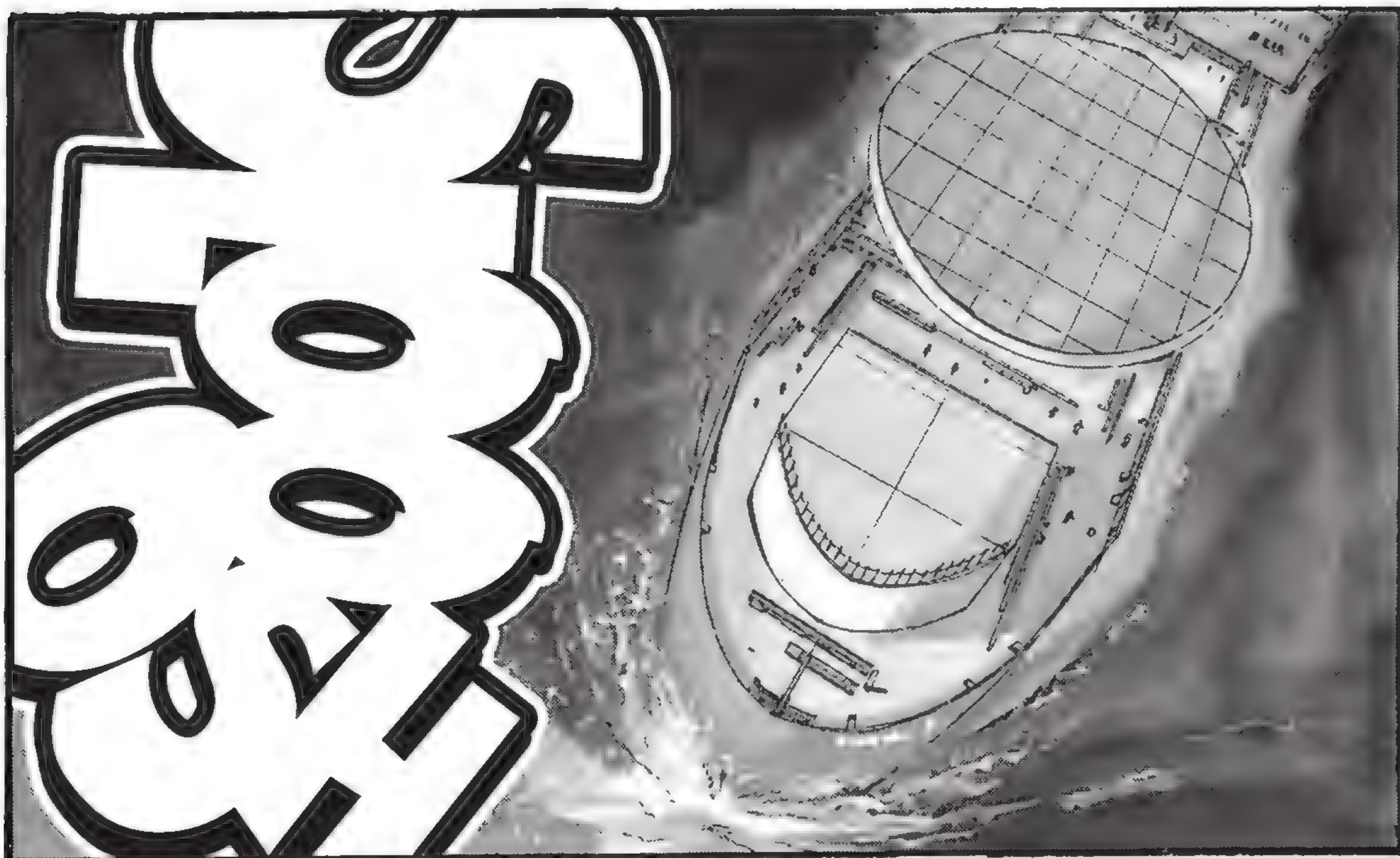


IT FILLS
THE COUNT.
YUSUKE AND I
CAN TAKE UP
ANY SLACK.



THAT SO?
I
DUNNO...

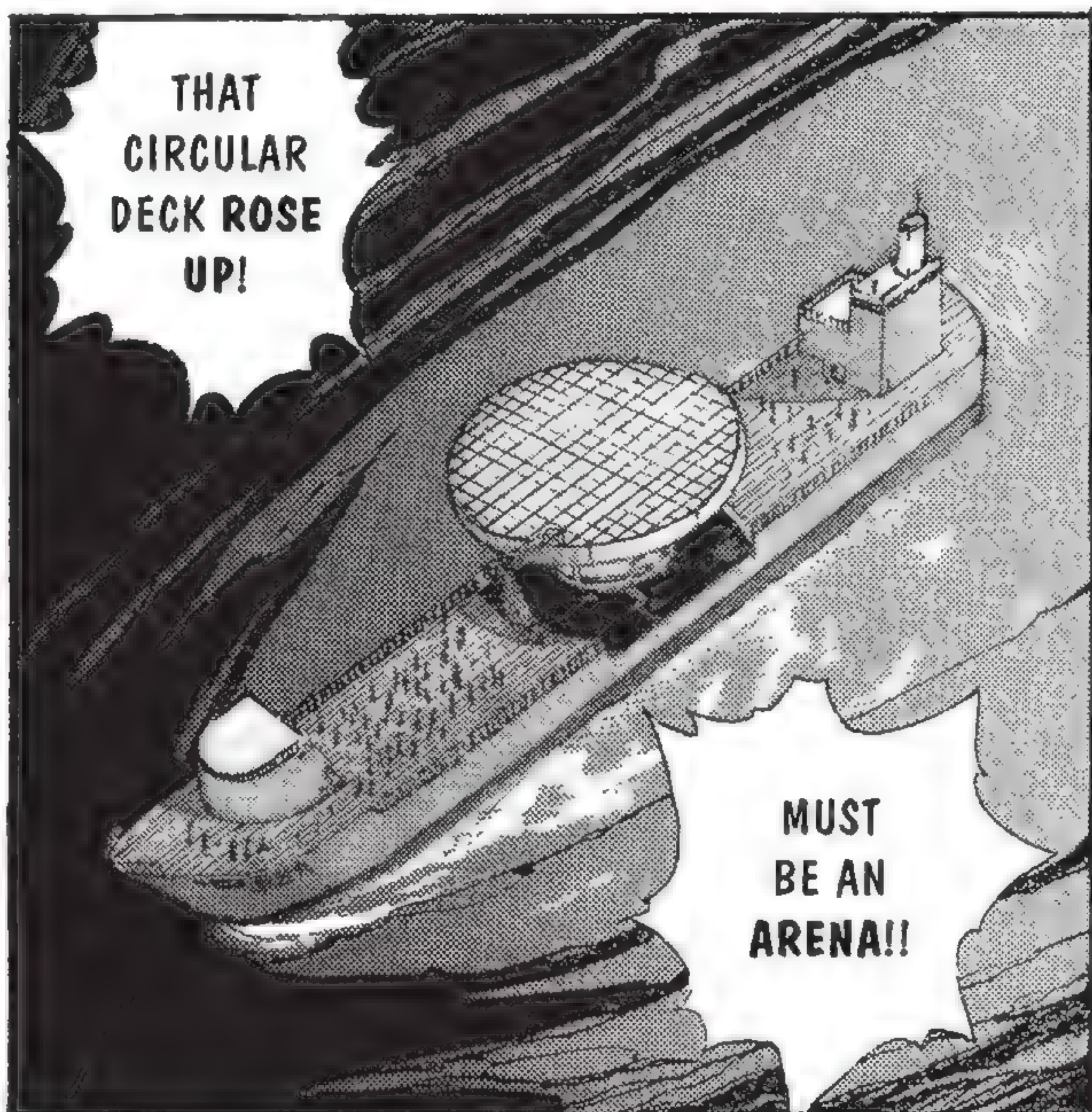
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SIXTEEN TEAMS
WILL COMPETE IN THE
DARK TOURNAMENT!
FIFTEEN ARE
WAITING ON
HANGMAN
ISLAND!

ONE TEAM
FROM THIS SHIP
WILL FILL THE
16TH SLOT!



THAT
CIRCULAR
DECK ROSE
UP!

MUST
BE AN
ARENA!!



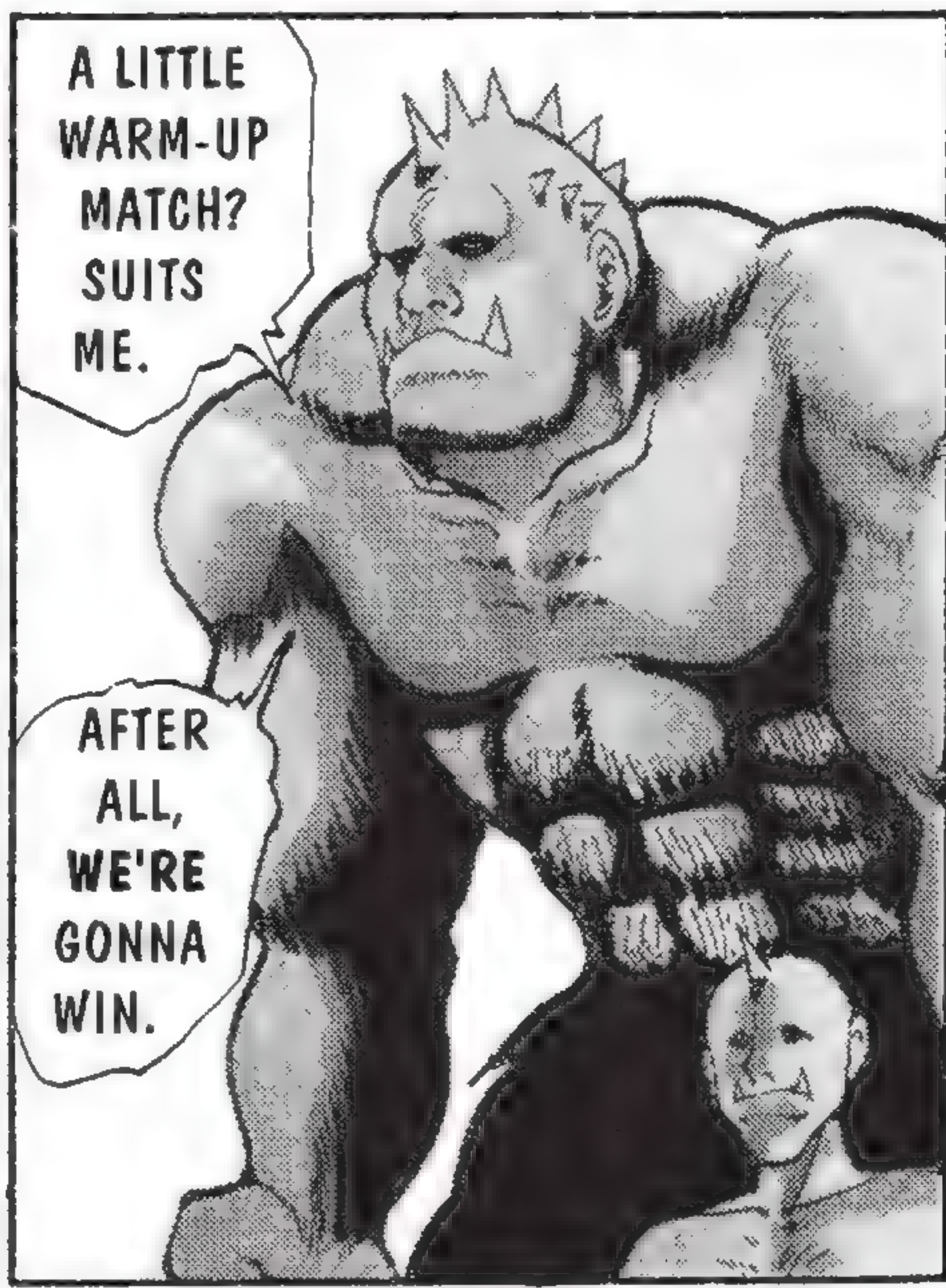
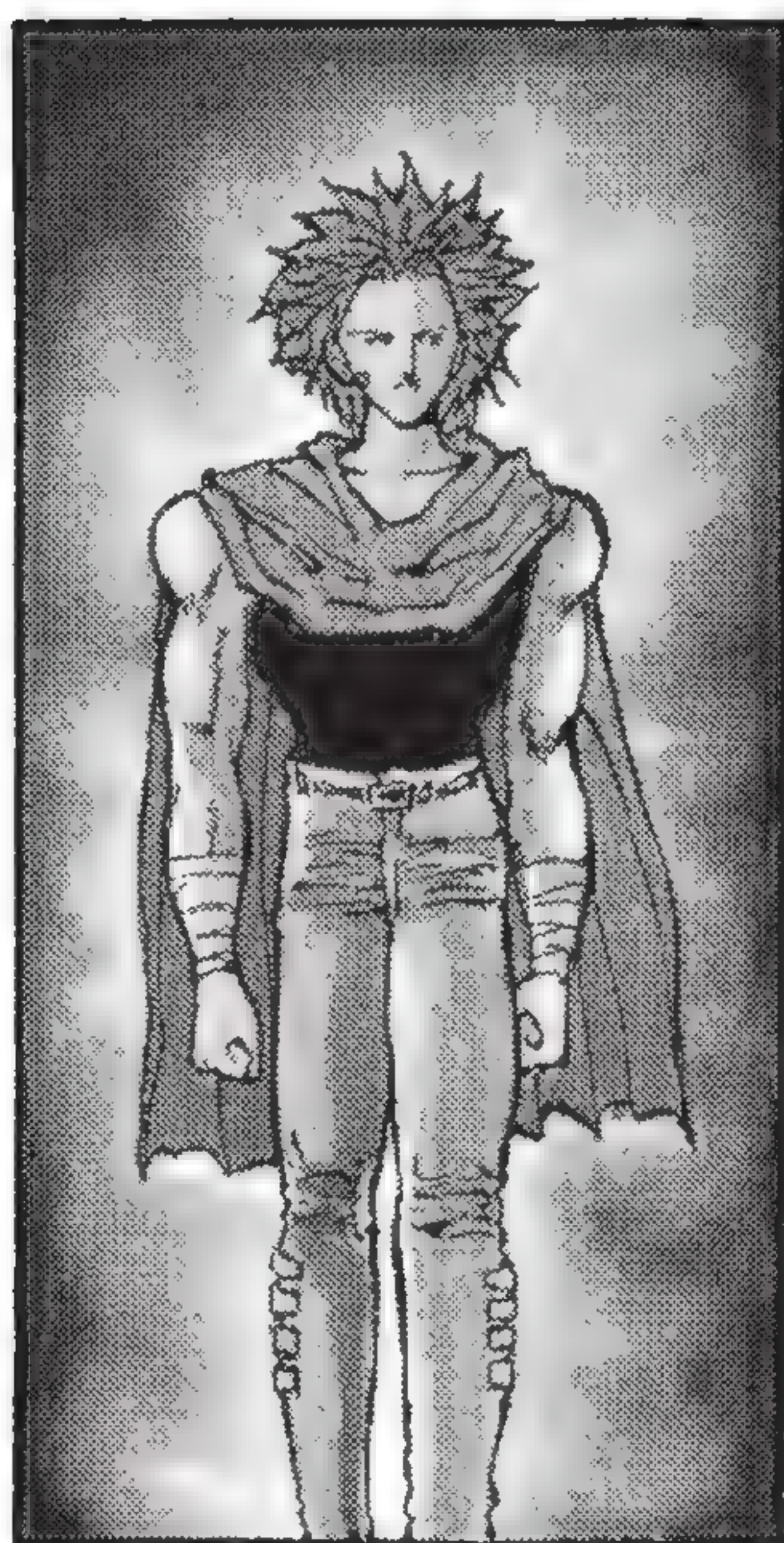
NO ONE
TOLD US
ABOUT
THIS!





...AND THESE
WILL VIE FOR
PARTICIPATION
IN THE
TOURNAMENT!

EACH TEAM
WILL PICK ITS
STRONGEST
MEMBER...



A LITTLE
WARM-UP
MATCH?
SUITS
ME.

AFTER
ALL,
WE'RE
GONNA
WIN.



HEY, URAMESHI!
HERE'S YOUR
CHANCE TO
SHOW YOUR
NEW STUFF!

A BATTLE ROYALE?!
IN THOSE IT AIN'T
ALWAYS THE STRONGEST
WHO COMES OUT ON TOP!



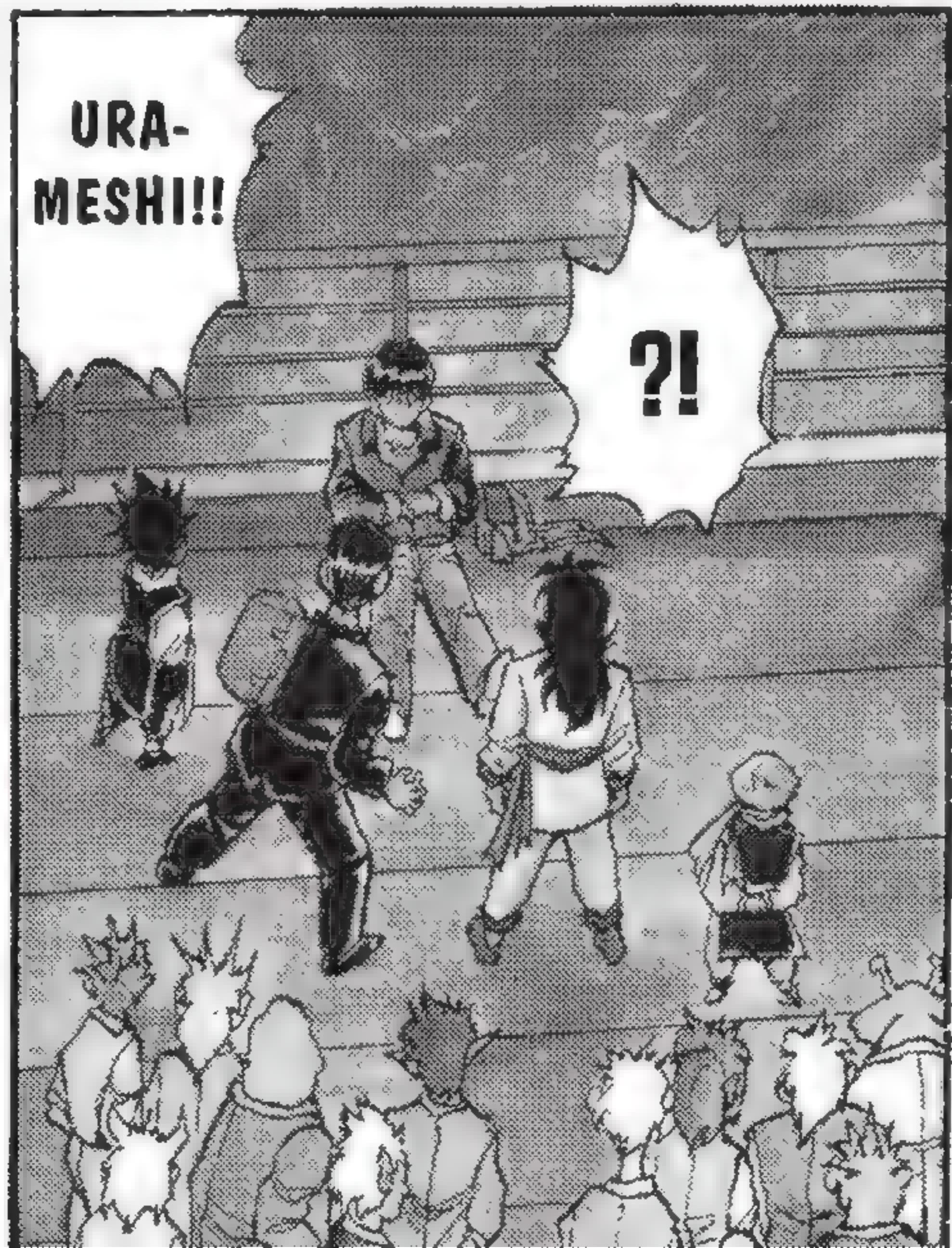
YER TEAM
CAPTAIN!!

HOW
CAN YOU
SLEEP?!

C'MON!
WAKE
UP!

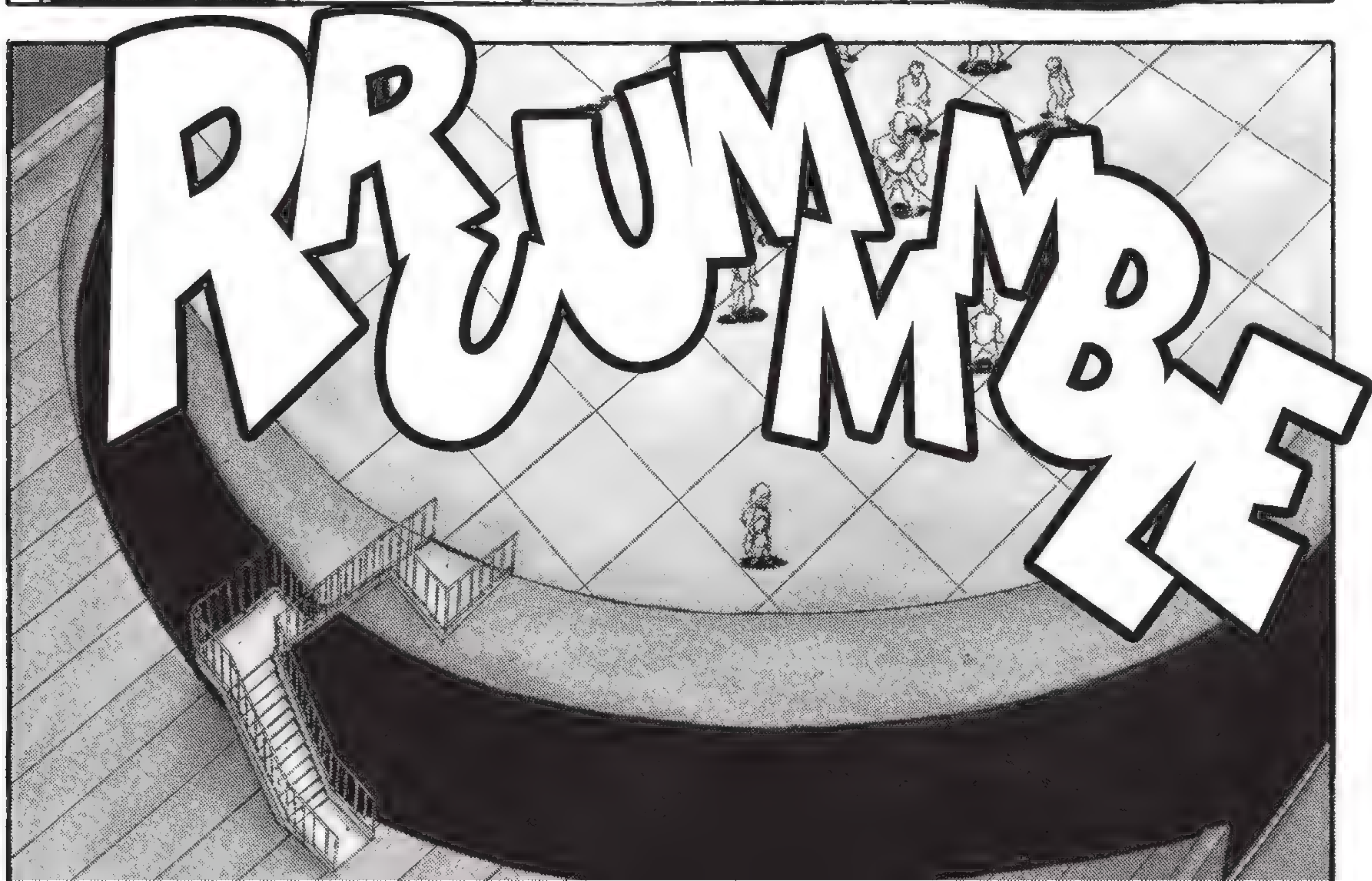
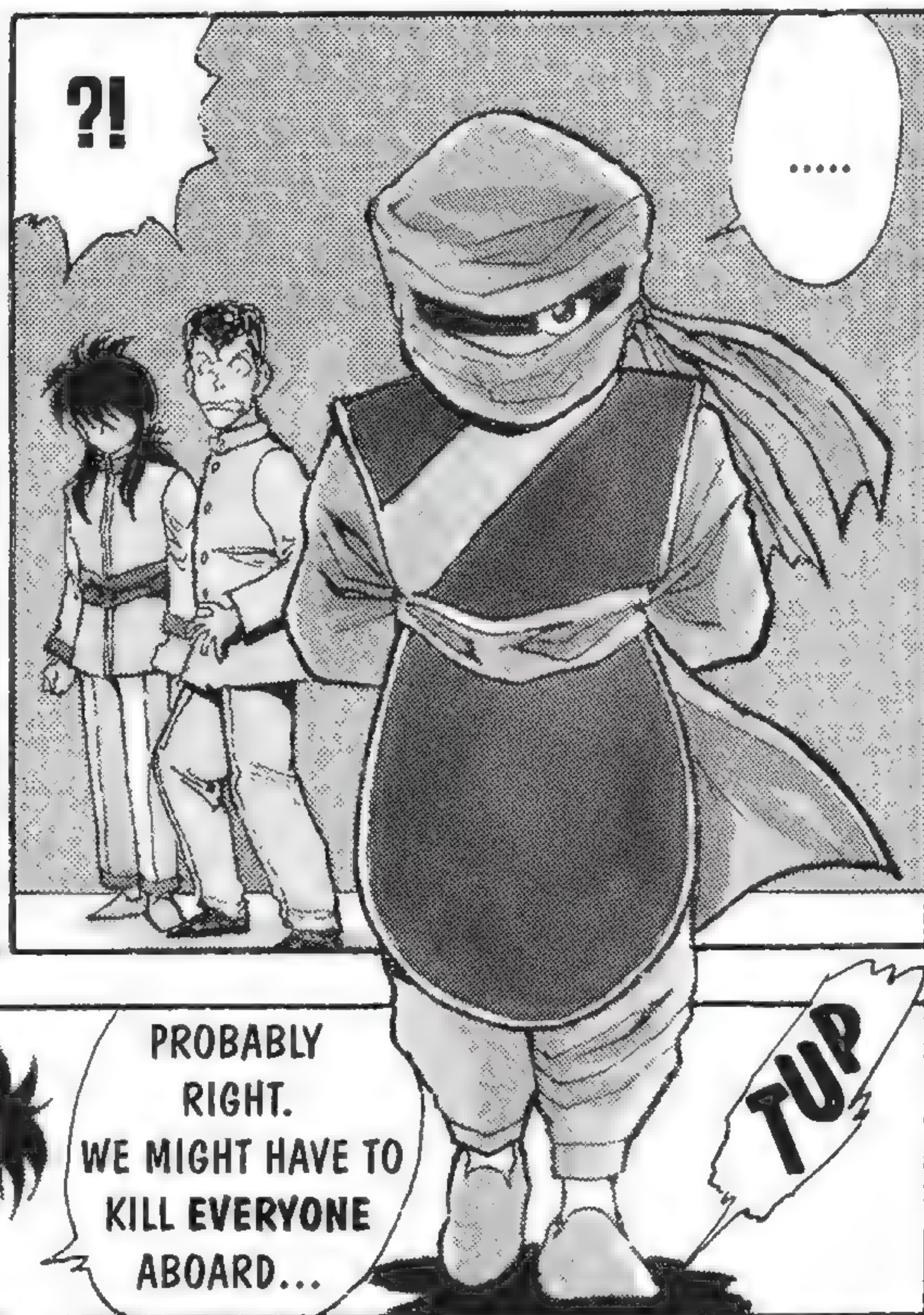
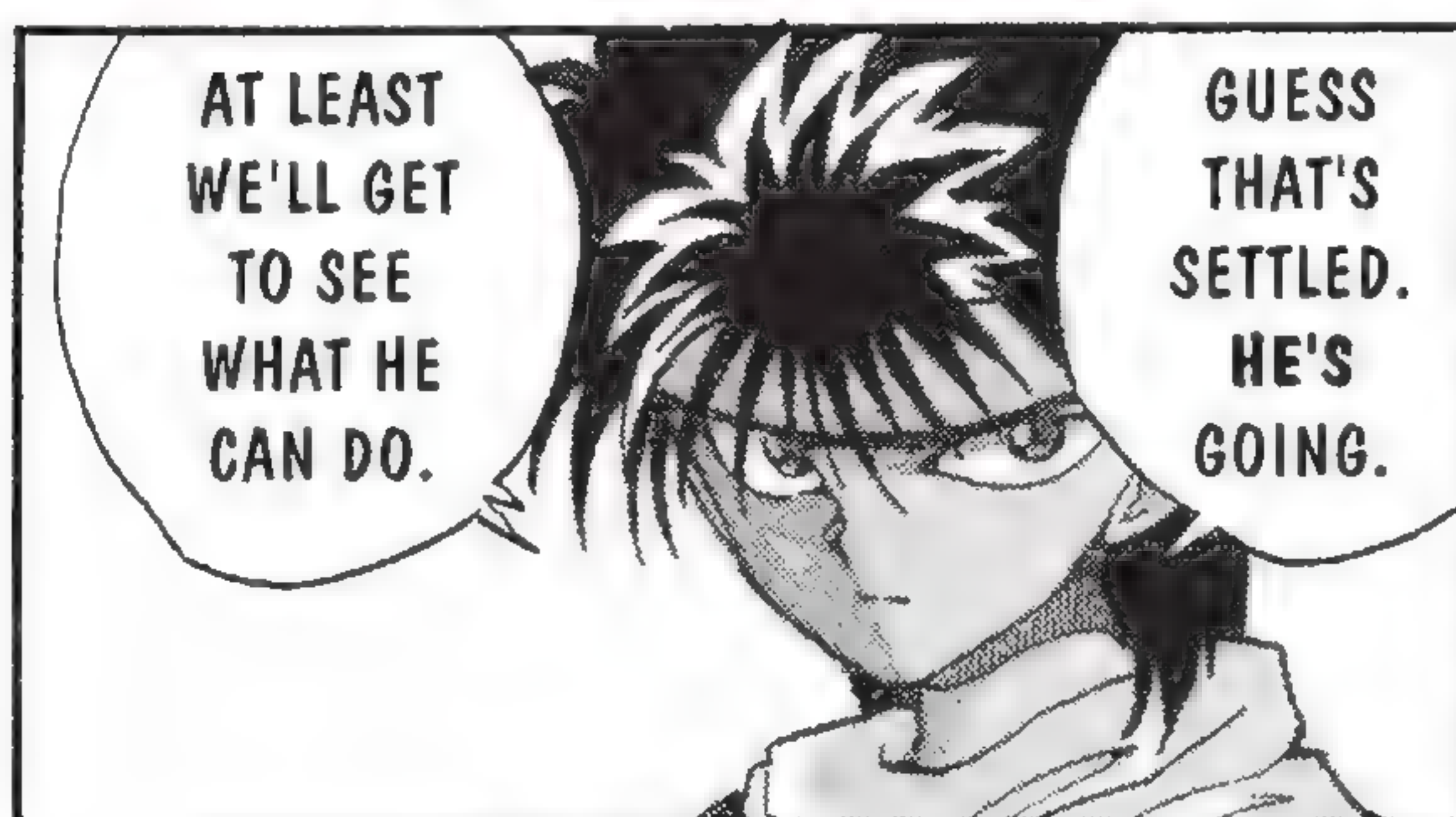
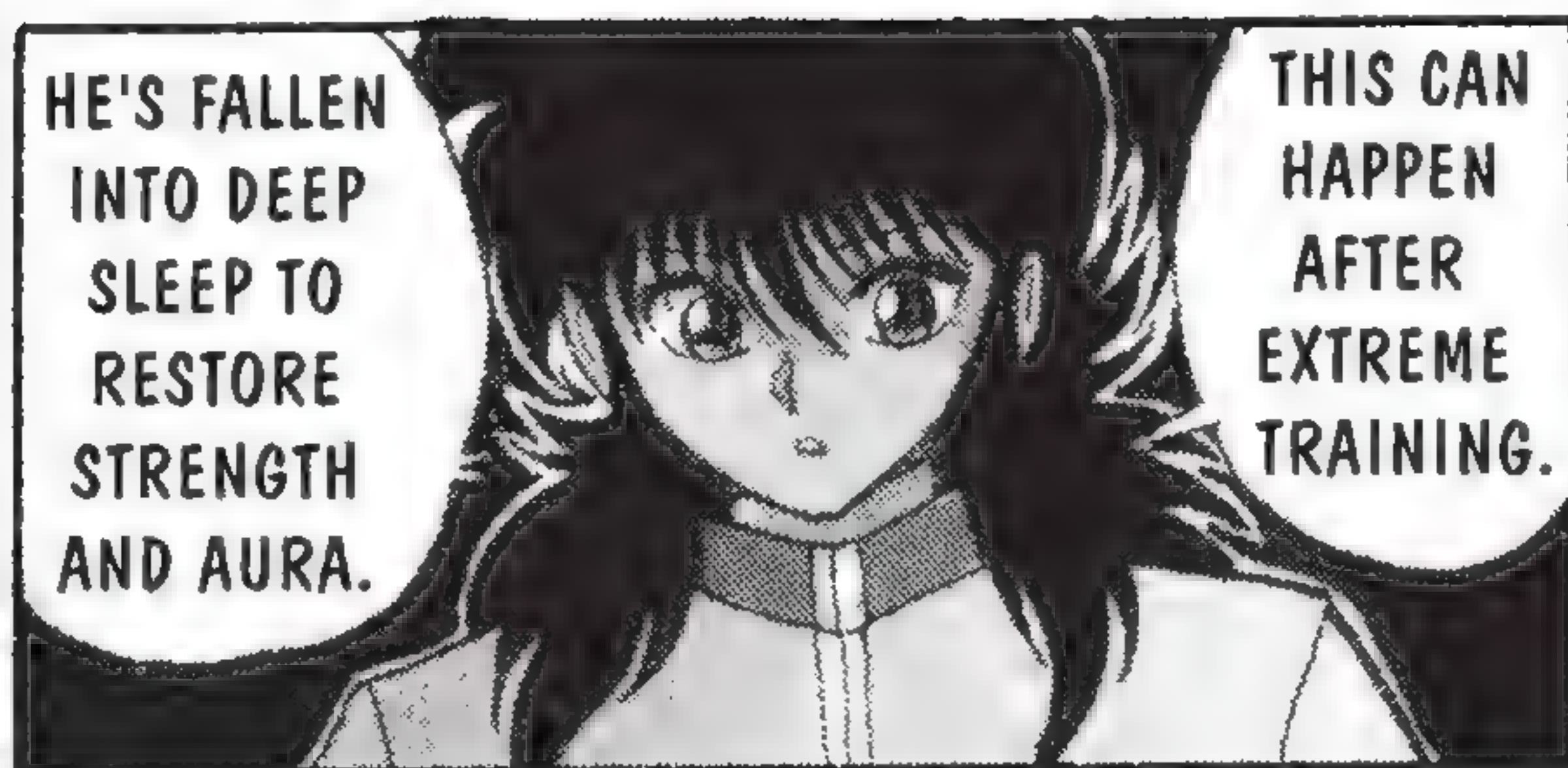


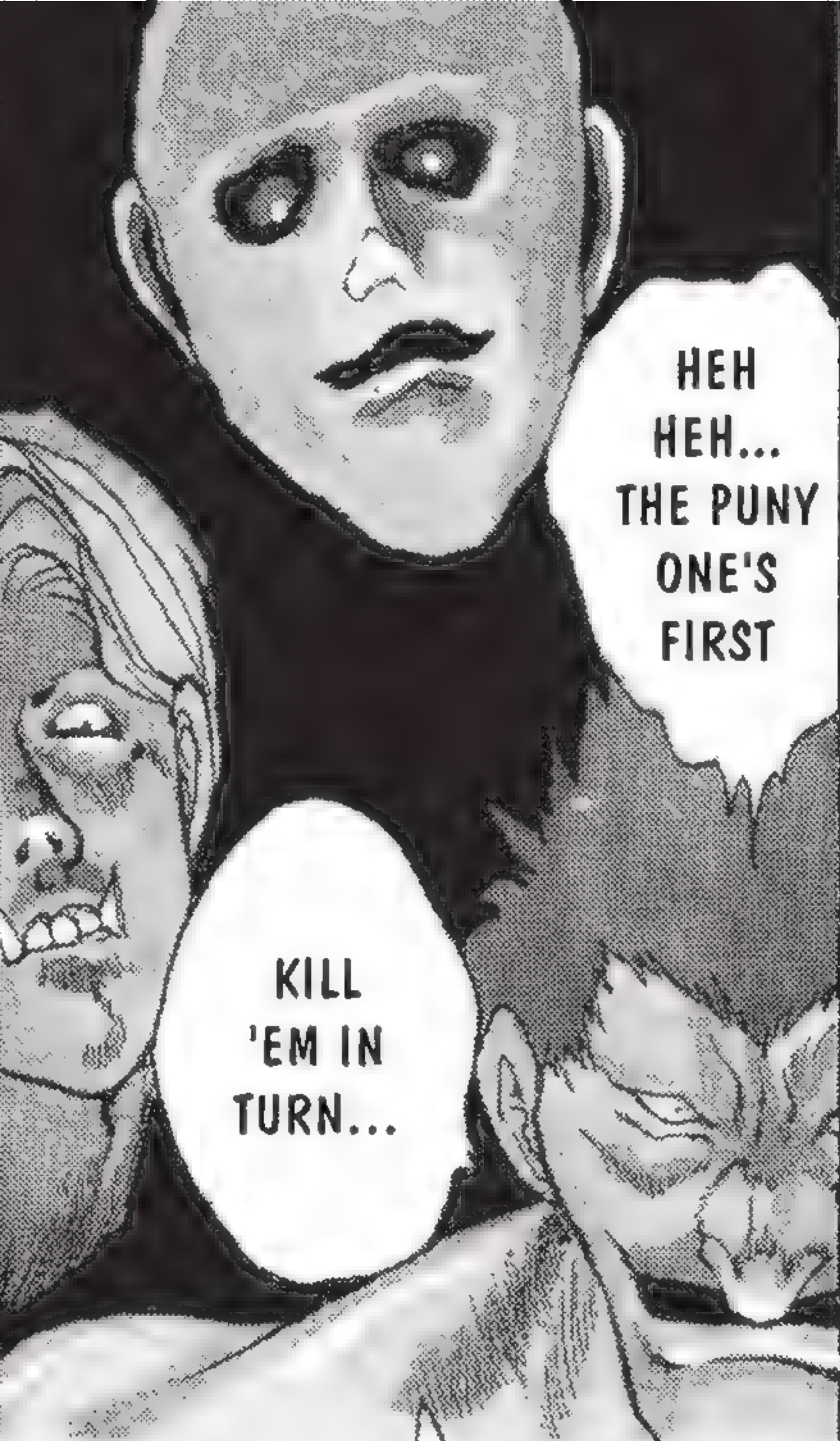
SNORE...



URA-
MESHI!!

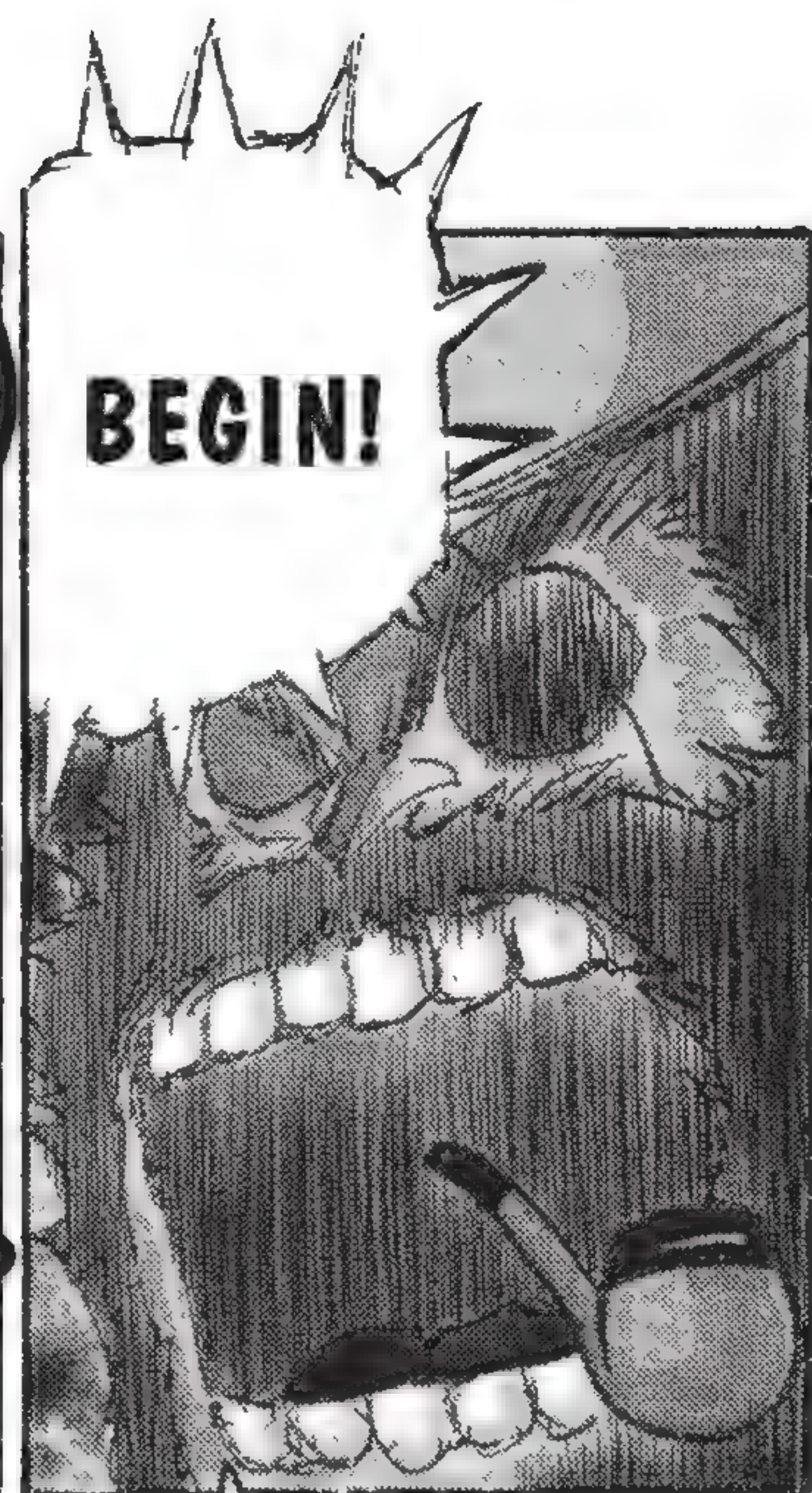
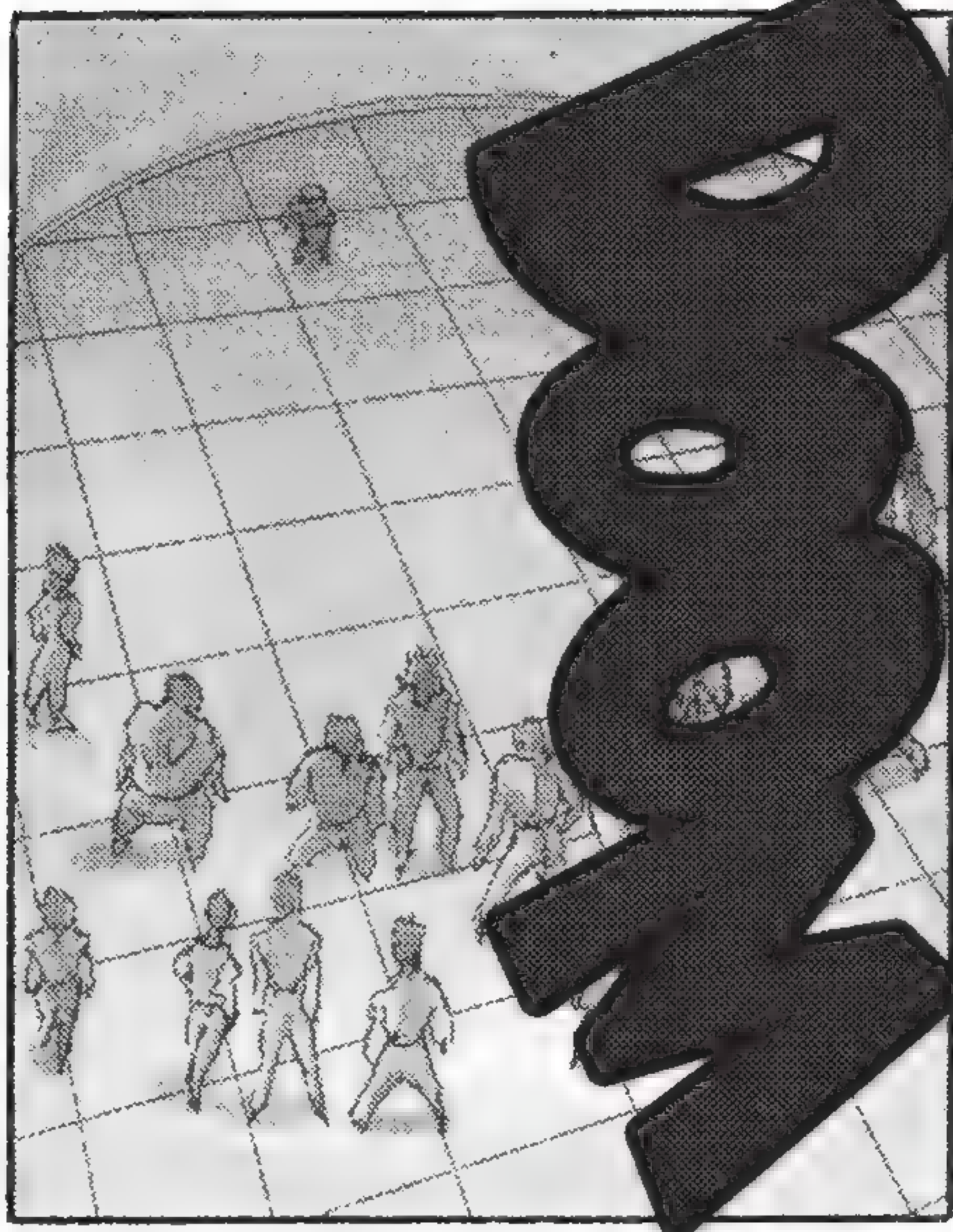
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HEH
HEH...
THE PUNY
ONE'S
FIRST

KILL
'EM IN
TURN...



BEGIN!



PILE
ON THE
SHRIMP!

...STARTING
WITH YOU!

NO ROOM
TO RUN!
HE'LL BE
MASHED
FLAT!!

I KNEW IT!
THEY'RE
GANGING UP
ON HIM!!







THEY WILL
TAKE THE 16TH
SLOT IN THE
DARK
TOURNAMENT!



POINT,
GAME,
AND MATCH
TO TEAM
URAMESHI!



ZZNORK...



...KNEW
THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN.

I THINK
YU-
SUKU...



...YU-
SUKU'S
REIGUN!
BUT...

THAT
LITTLE
GUY
USED...

THE FIRST OPPONENTS!!

THE
MASKED
FIGHTER

KURAMA



YUSUKE
URAMESHI



HIEI

KAZUMA





SPLOORSH

000H

USING
URAMESHI'S
SHOTGUN!
WHO IS THAT
GUY?!

HE DEEP-
SIXED
EVERY ONE
O' THEM!

**TEAM
URAMESHI!!**

**ADVANCING
TO THE 16TH
SPOT IN THE
TOURNAMENT—**

HUH?
WHAT'S—

POINT

.....

JUST ONE
THING—
WHO ARE
YOU?!

THAT
WAS ACE!
WELCOME TO
THE TEAM!!

**SCREW
THE
RULES!**

**KILL 'EM!
WE'LL BE
FAMOUS!**

ACK!!



YIKES!



RAAAH!

SLICE
AND
DICE!!

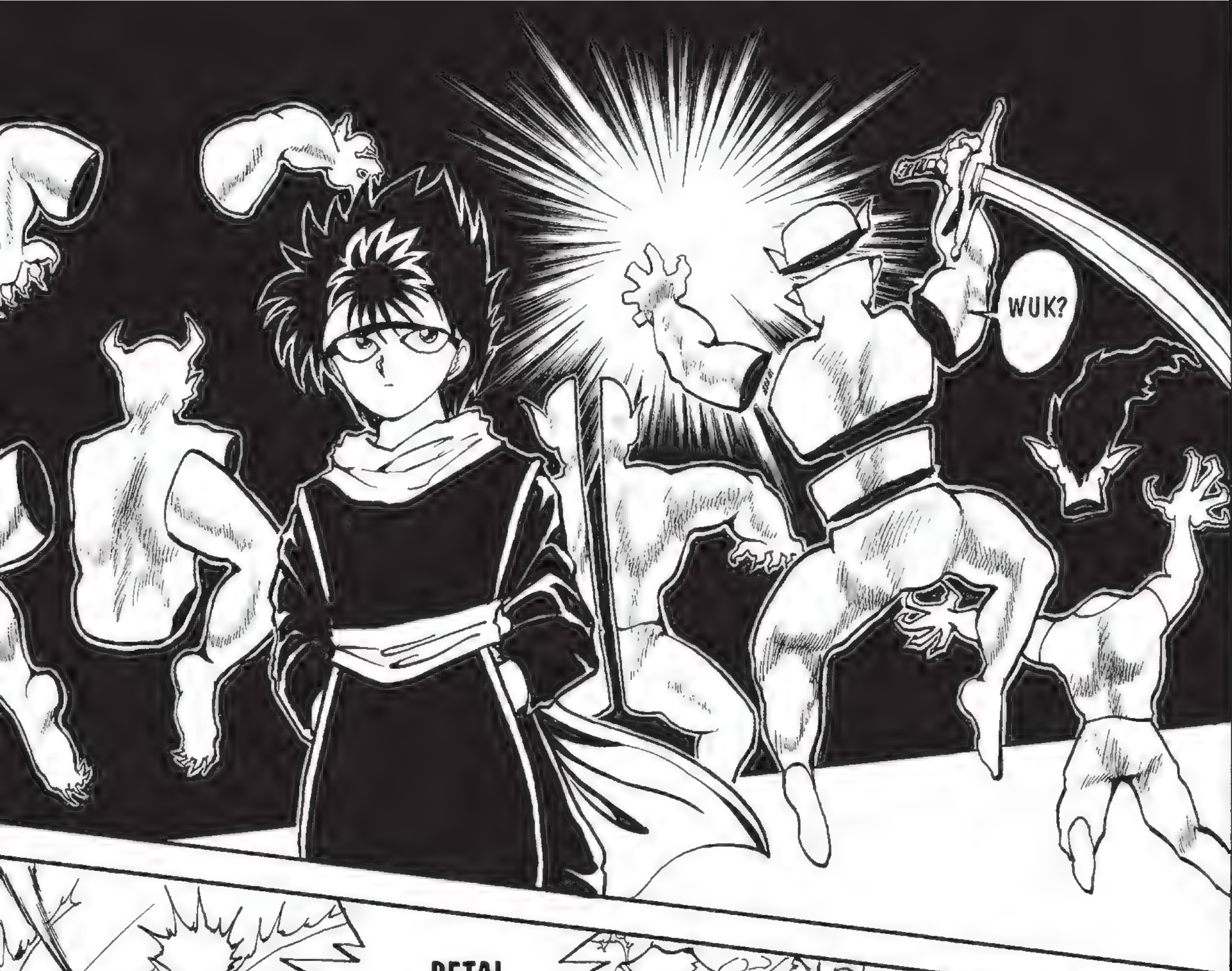


I'D SAY
SO...

AH WELL,
IT'S BETTER
THAN
SITTING
AROUND...



LOOKS
LIKE
WE'RE UP.



SPRAT



AND DEAD
FOR REAL
IN A
SECOND!

HEH!
DEAD
TO THE
WORLD!



HE'S SO OUT,
AKIKO MATSUMOTO
COULDN'T STIR HIM
IF SHE SANG RIGHT
IN HIS EAR!

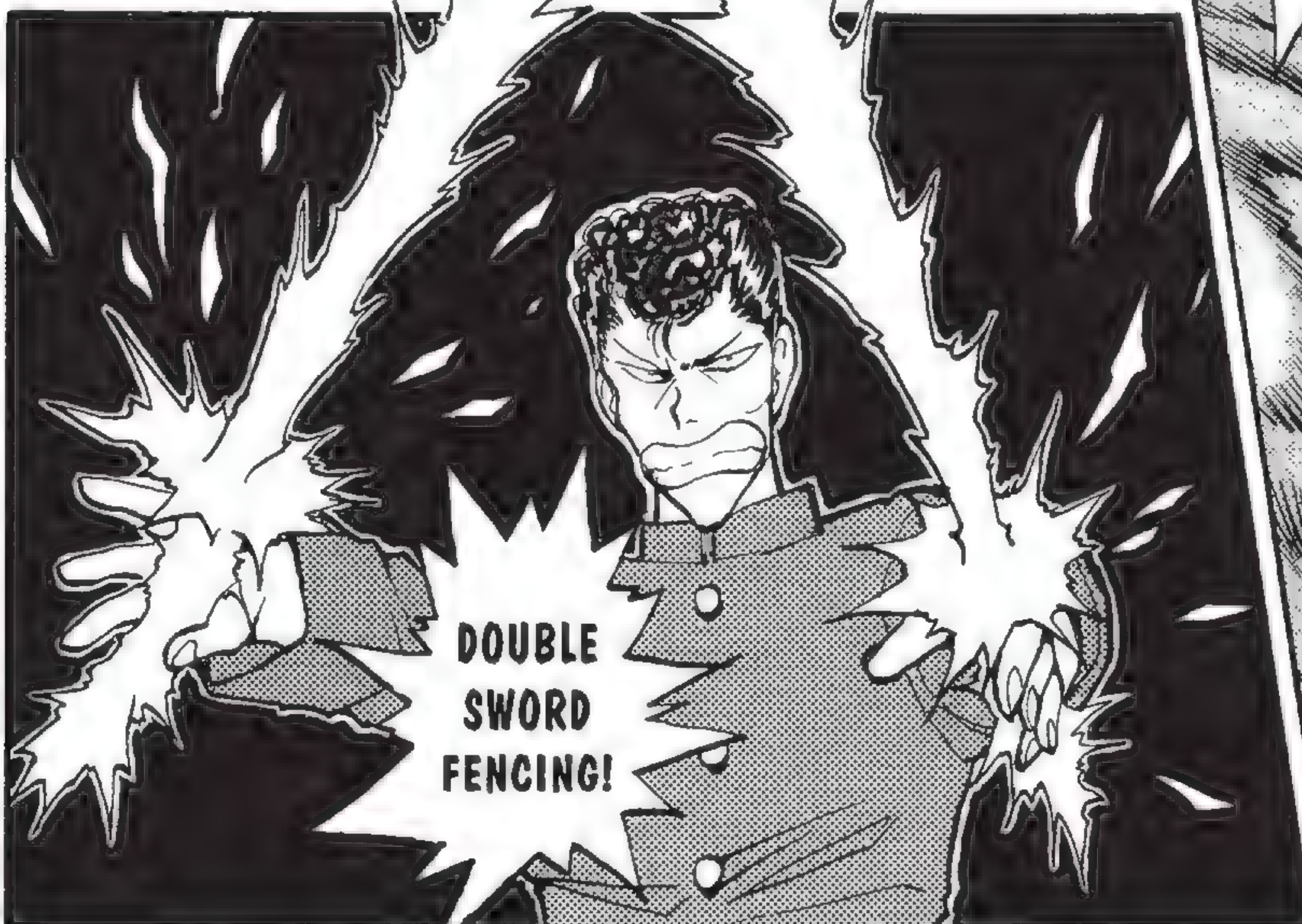
AWW,
CRIPES!
URAMESHI!!



IT'S
OVERKILL,
BUT...



THAT'S THE
LEAST OF
YOUR
PROBLEMS!



DOUBLE
SWORD
FENCING!



NO
CHANCE!!
I'M TAKIN'
HIS
HEAD...

—OR
YOU'RE
HAM-
BURGER!!

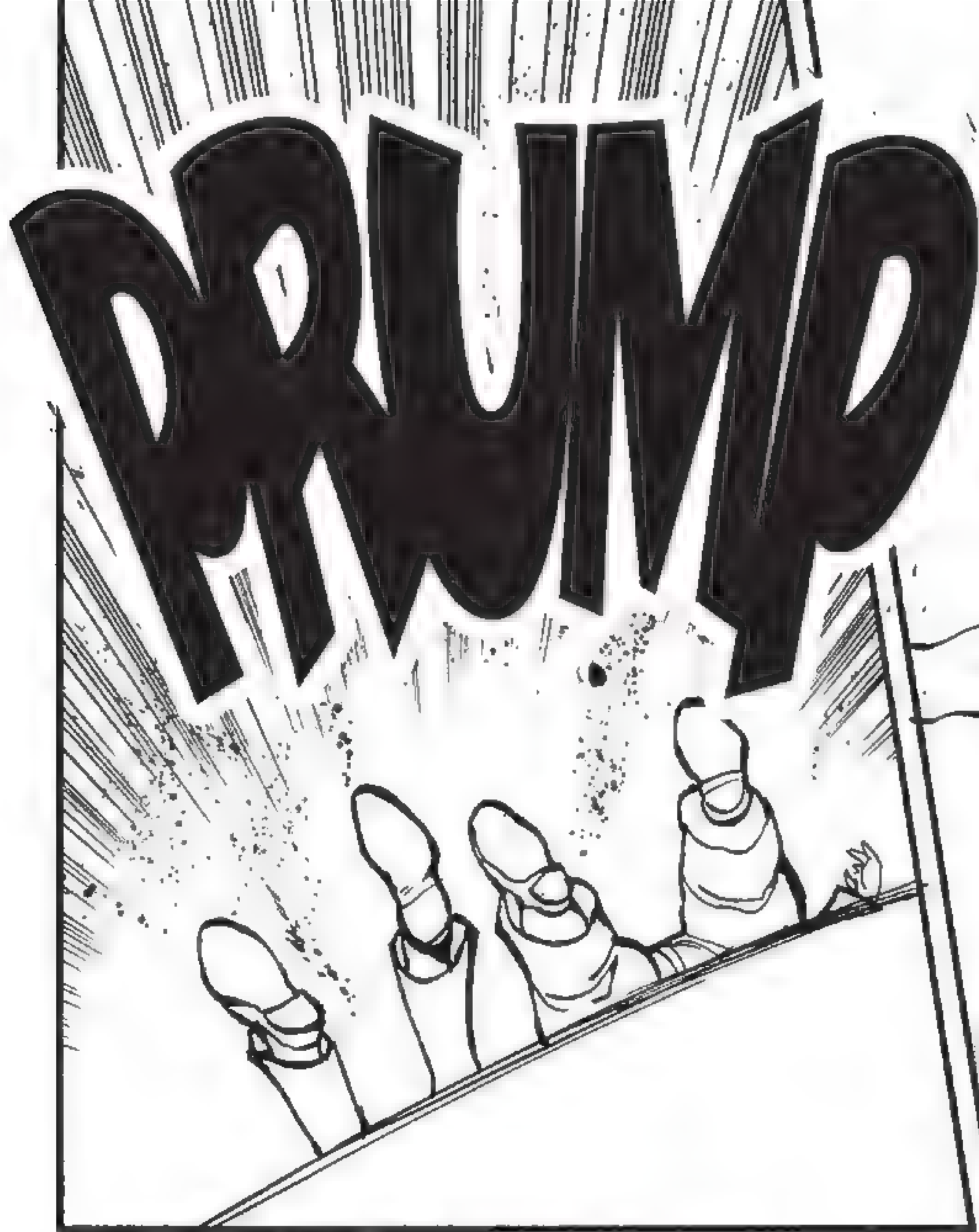
... AND
MAKIN' MY
FORTUNE!!

CLEAR
OFF—

DIE,
URAMESHI!!

NO!
I'M
TOO
LATE!!

KABOOM!



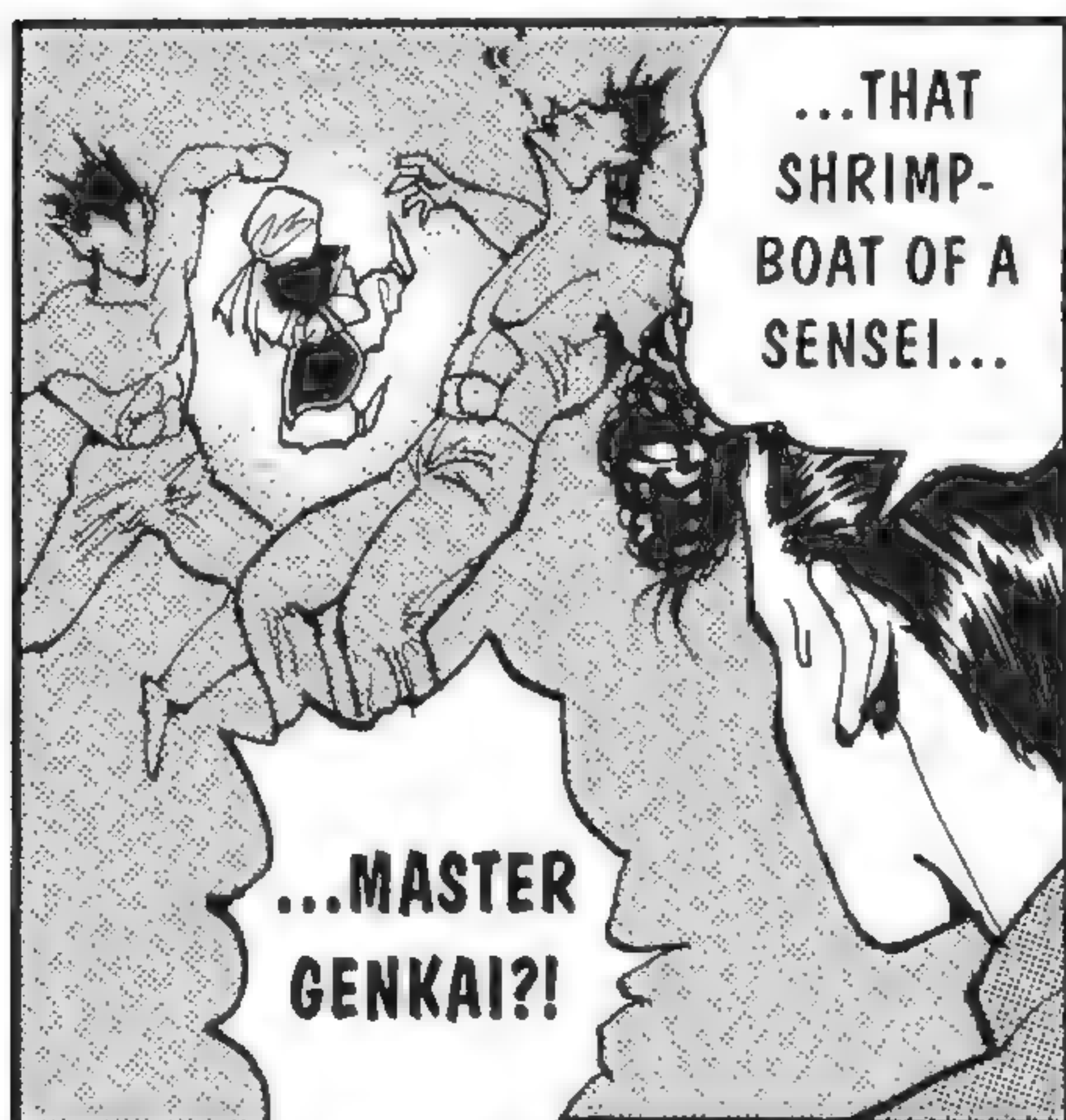
...
GMMM
...

MNNU-
UUH...



I'LL KEEP
GOIN' AND
GOIN' AND
GOIN'!

RAAAH!
NO WAY,
Y'OLD
BIDDY!!



...MASTER
GENKAI?!

...THAT
SHRIMP-
BOAT OF A
SENSEI...



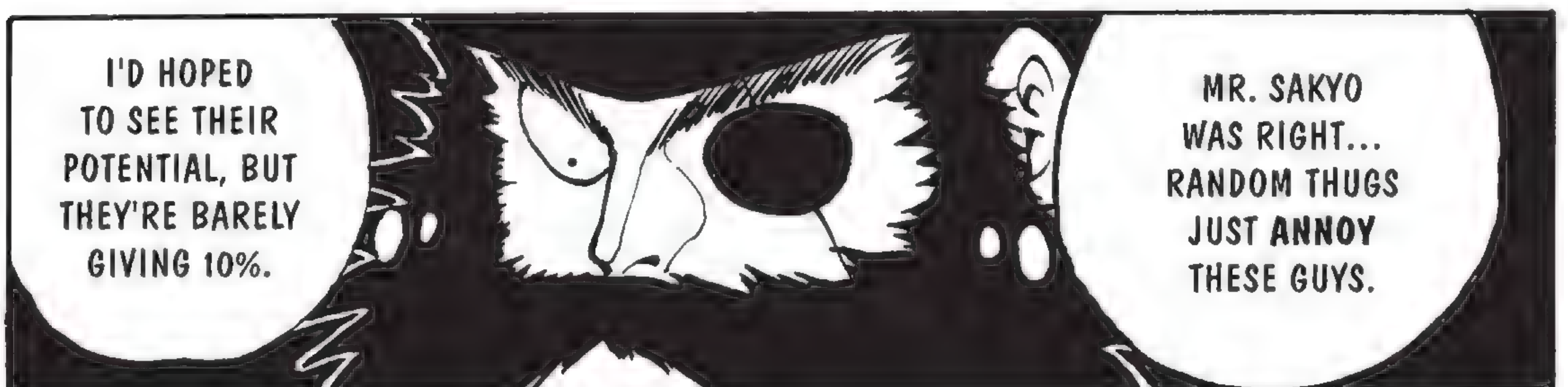
OLD
BIDDY?!

SO
HE WAS
TRAINING
WITH...



WHEW!
EVEN IN HIS
SLEEP, HE
TRAINS!

THE
REGIMEN'S
BECOME
INSTINCT-
IVE!



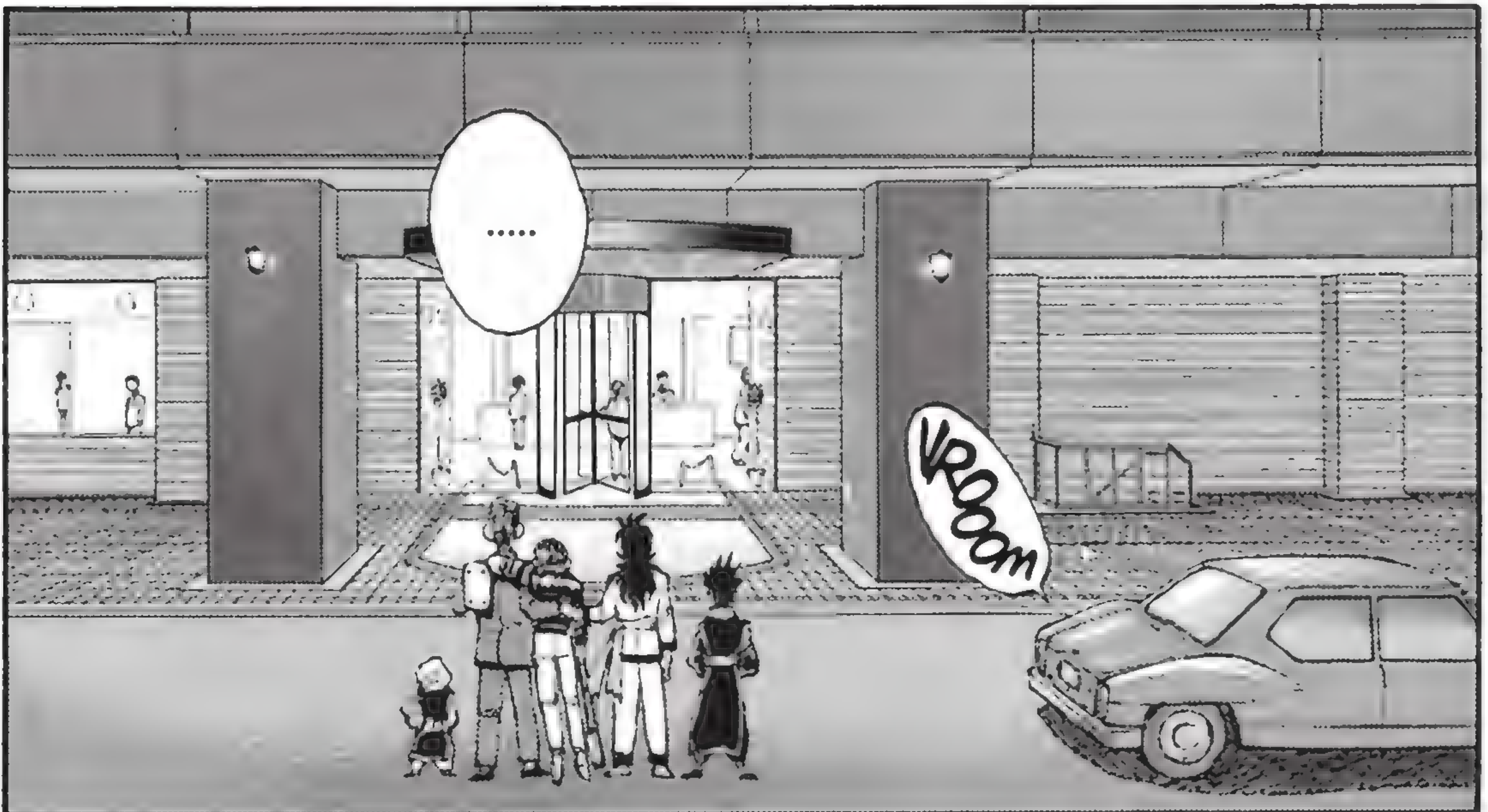
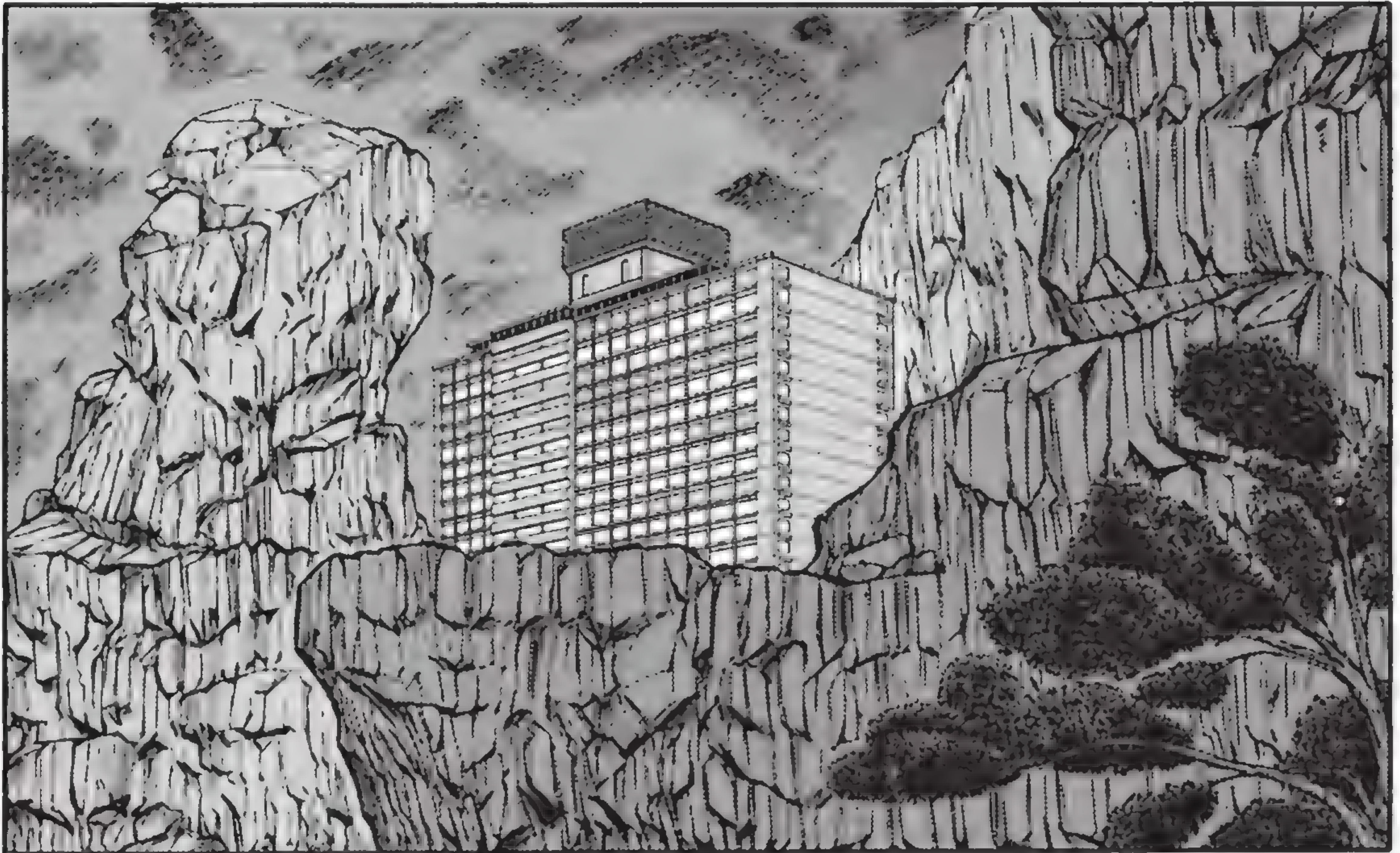
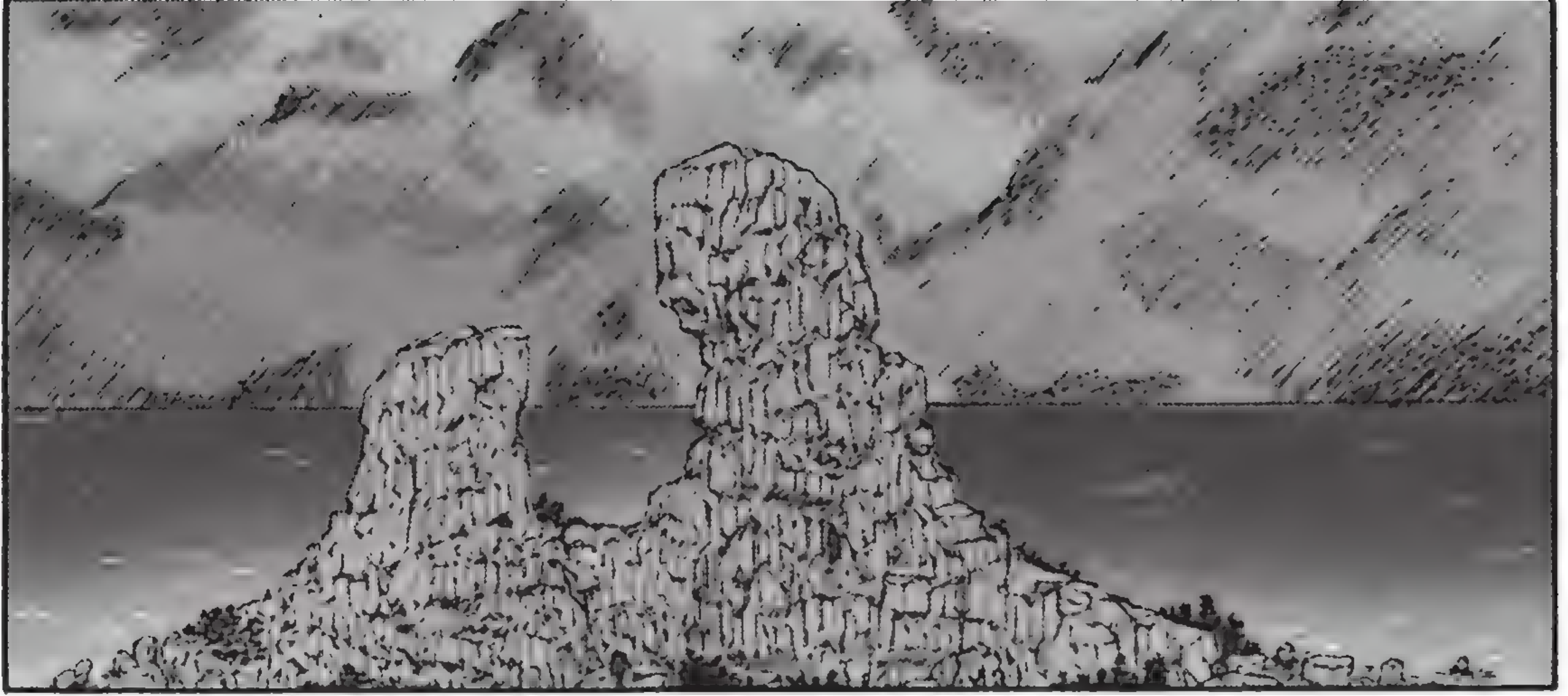


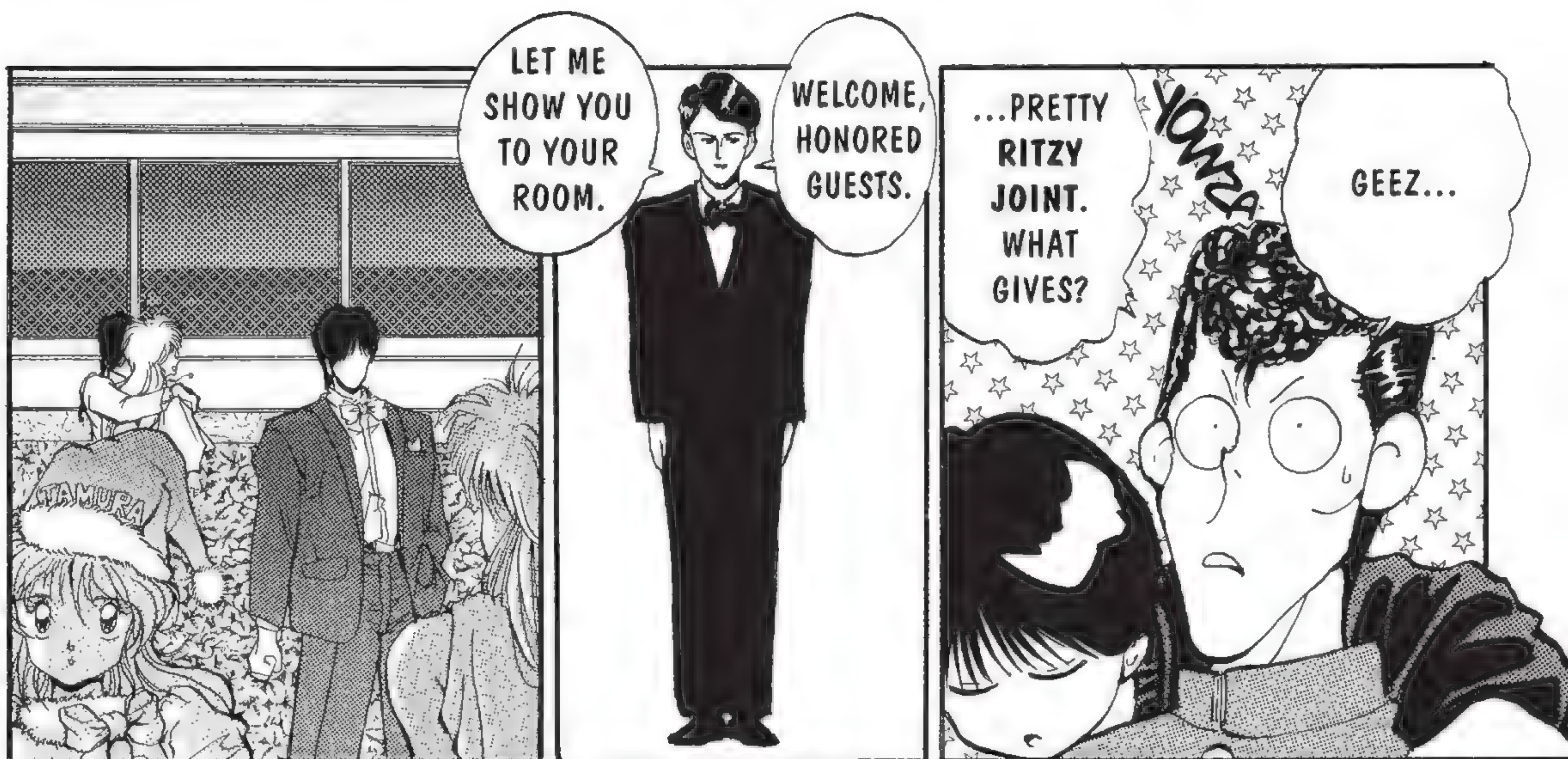
THAT'S
GOTTA BE
HANGMAN
ISLAND!!



WHO
KNOWS WHAT
HORRORS
AWAIT US
THERE?!

BRACE
YERSELVES,
GUYS!!
AND LOOK
SHARP!!







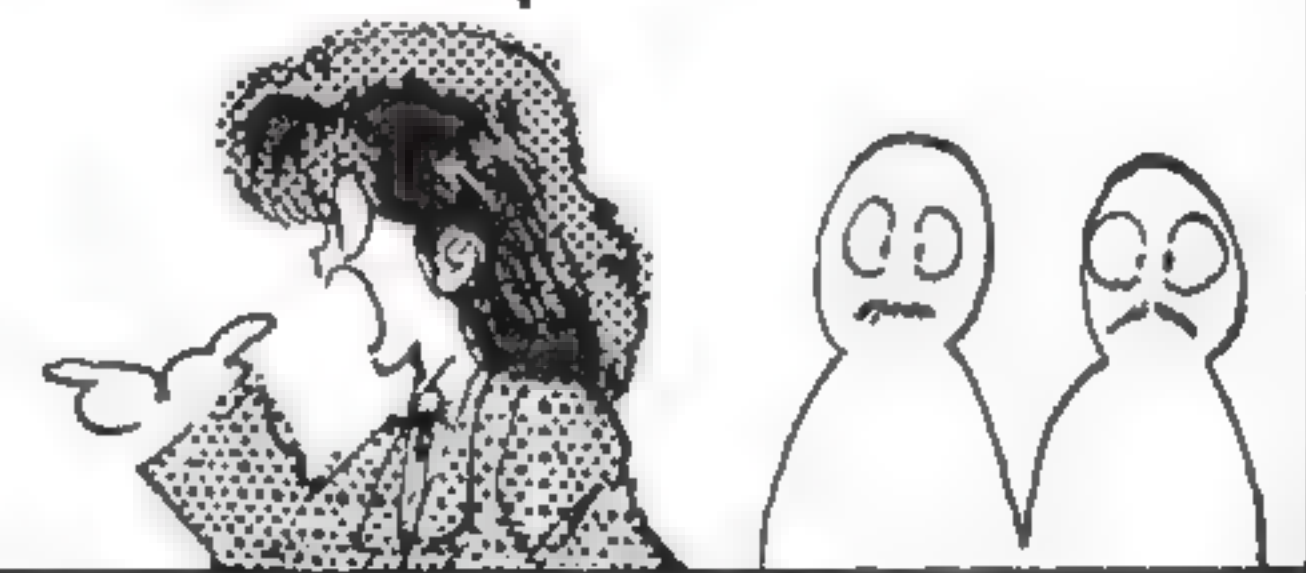
I'LL WHUP HIM!

WE HAVE TO KEEP TRACK OF WHERE HE GOES, WHAT HE DOES, SO WE CAN BE READY—

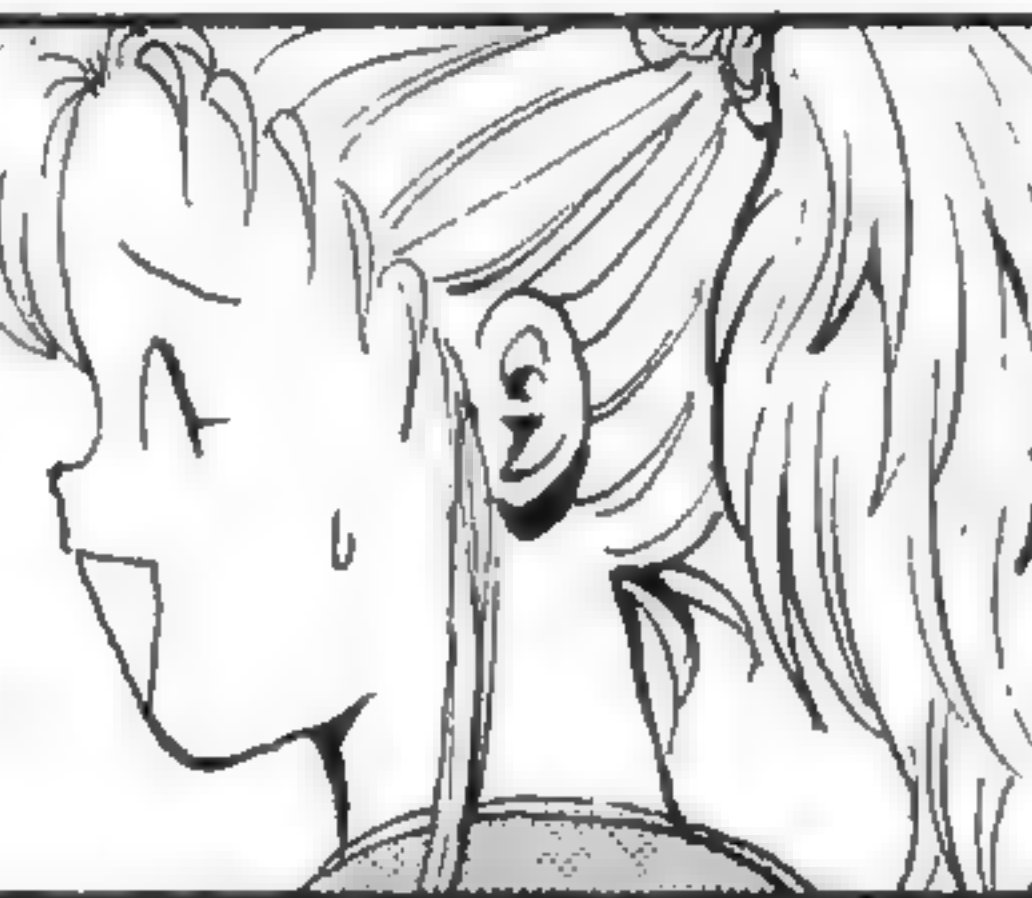
HOW CAN I CALM DOWN?! WE ALMOST DIED BECAUSE OF YUSUKE!

I KNOW, I KNOW.

NOT SO LOUD!



SHE DIDN'T BLINK WHEN I TOLD HER ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT— SHE JUST SNARLED, "TAKE ME THERE!"



GROWING UP WITH YUSUKE, SHE HAD TO BE 'PLUCKY AND FEARLESS!'

NEXT EPISODE: HOW THEY MANAGED IT!



I'M WORRIED...

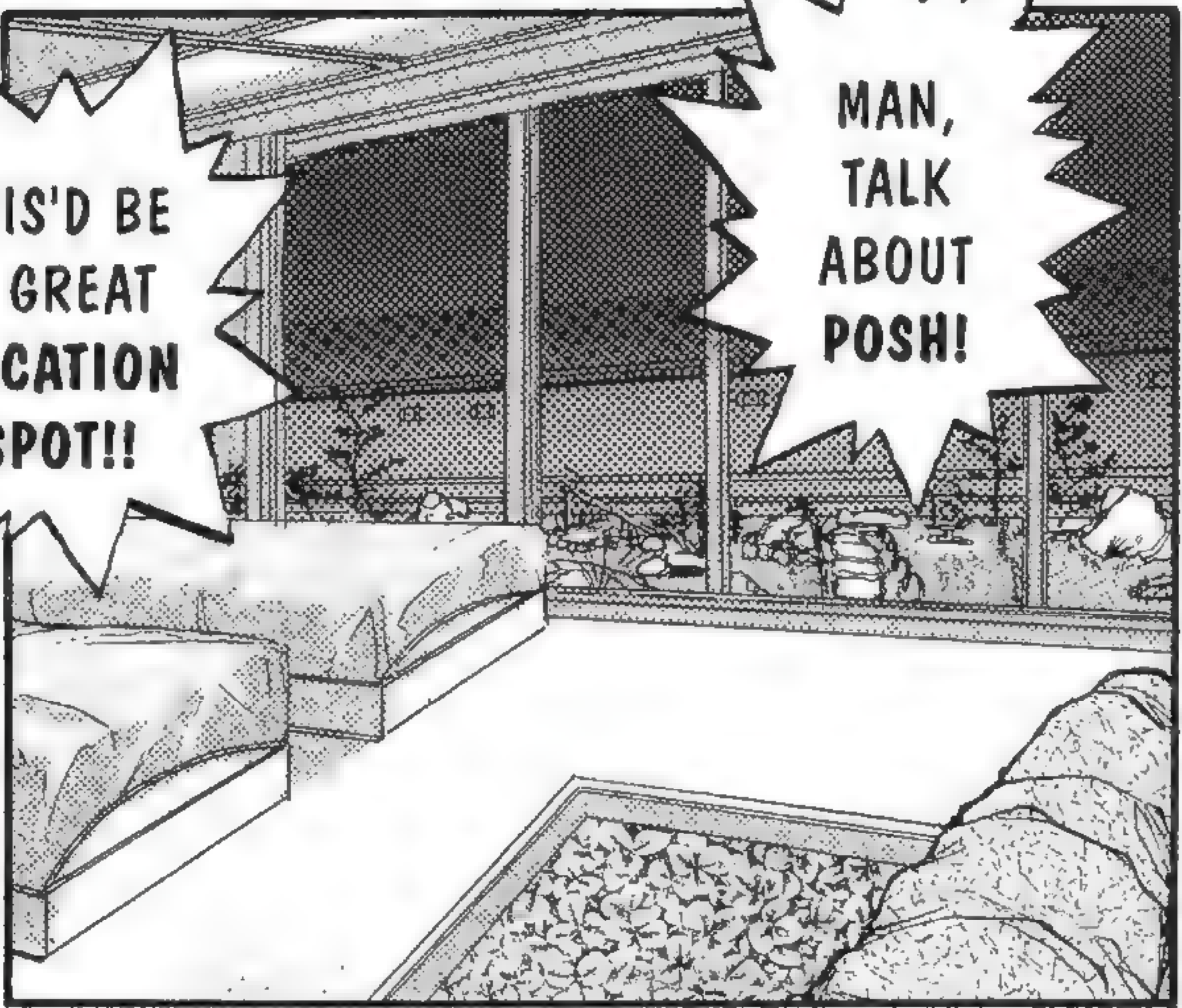


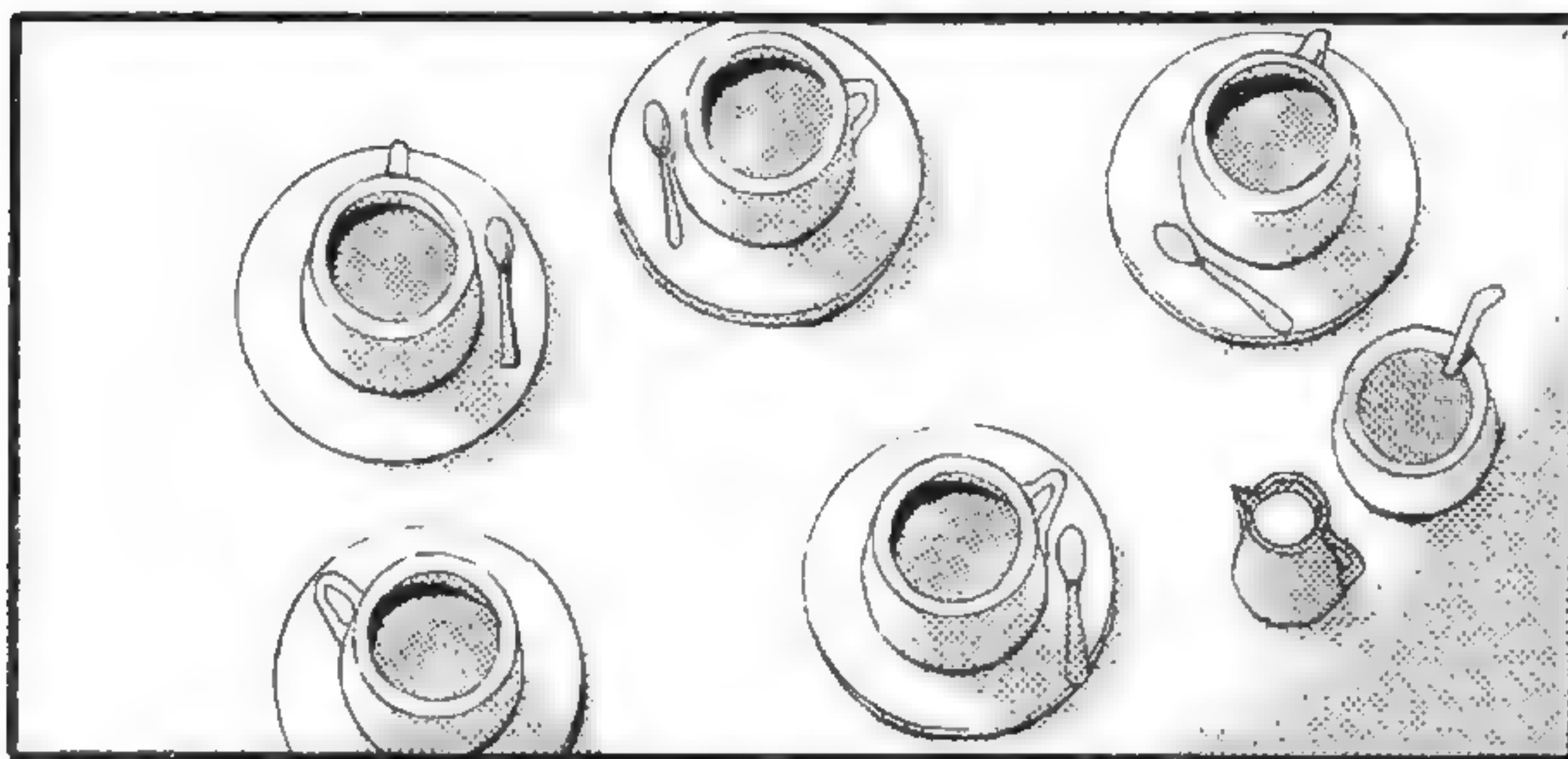
WOW! SHIZUKA, CHECK OUT THAT CHANDELIER!

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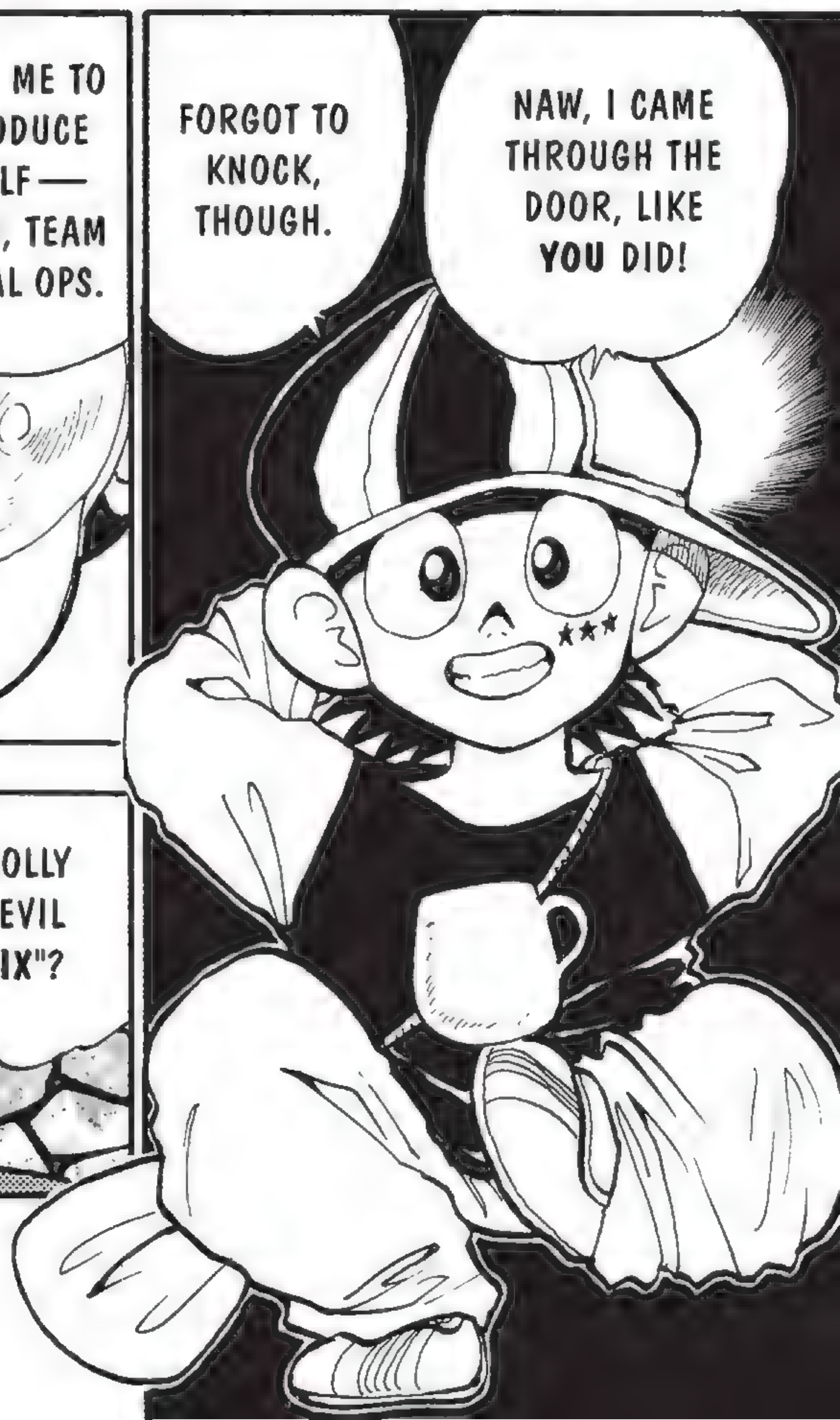
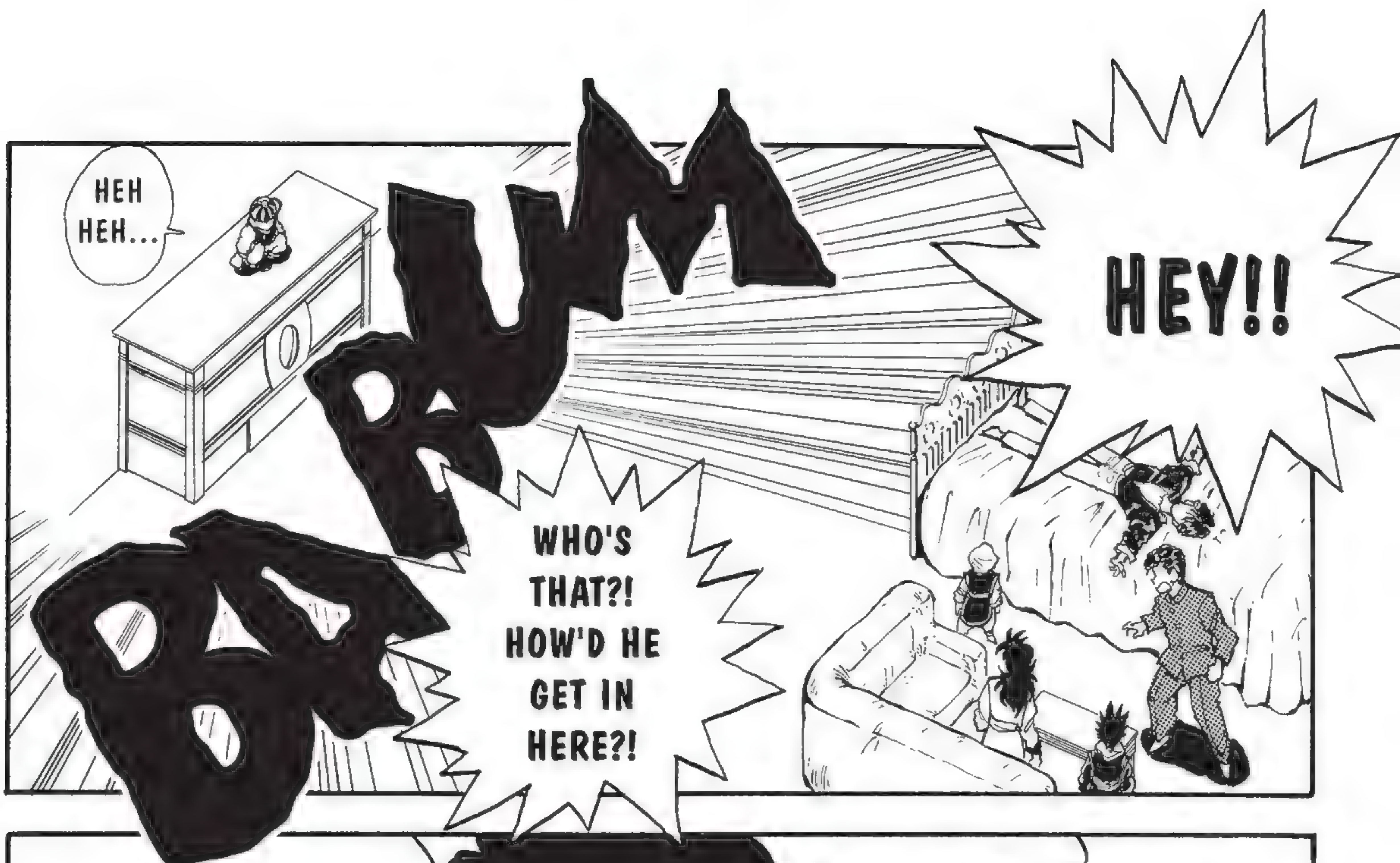
THIS'D BE A GREAT VACATION SPOT!!

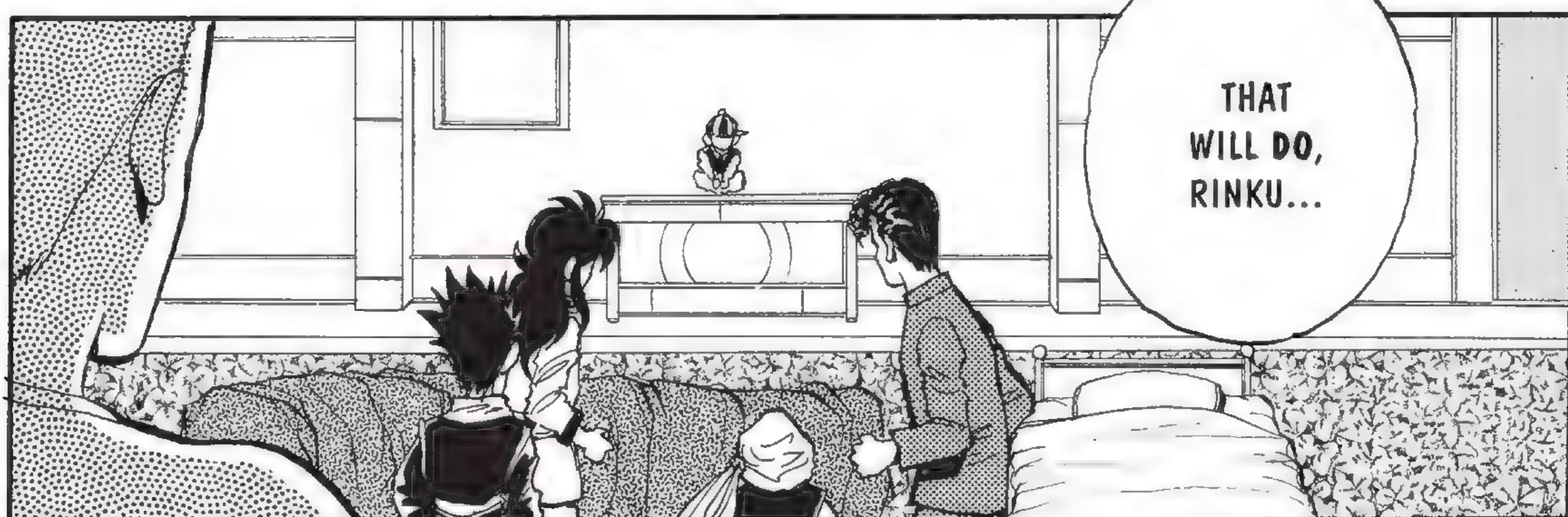
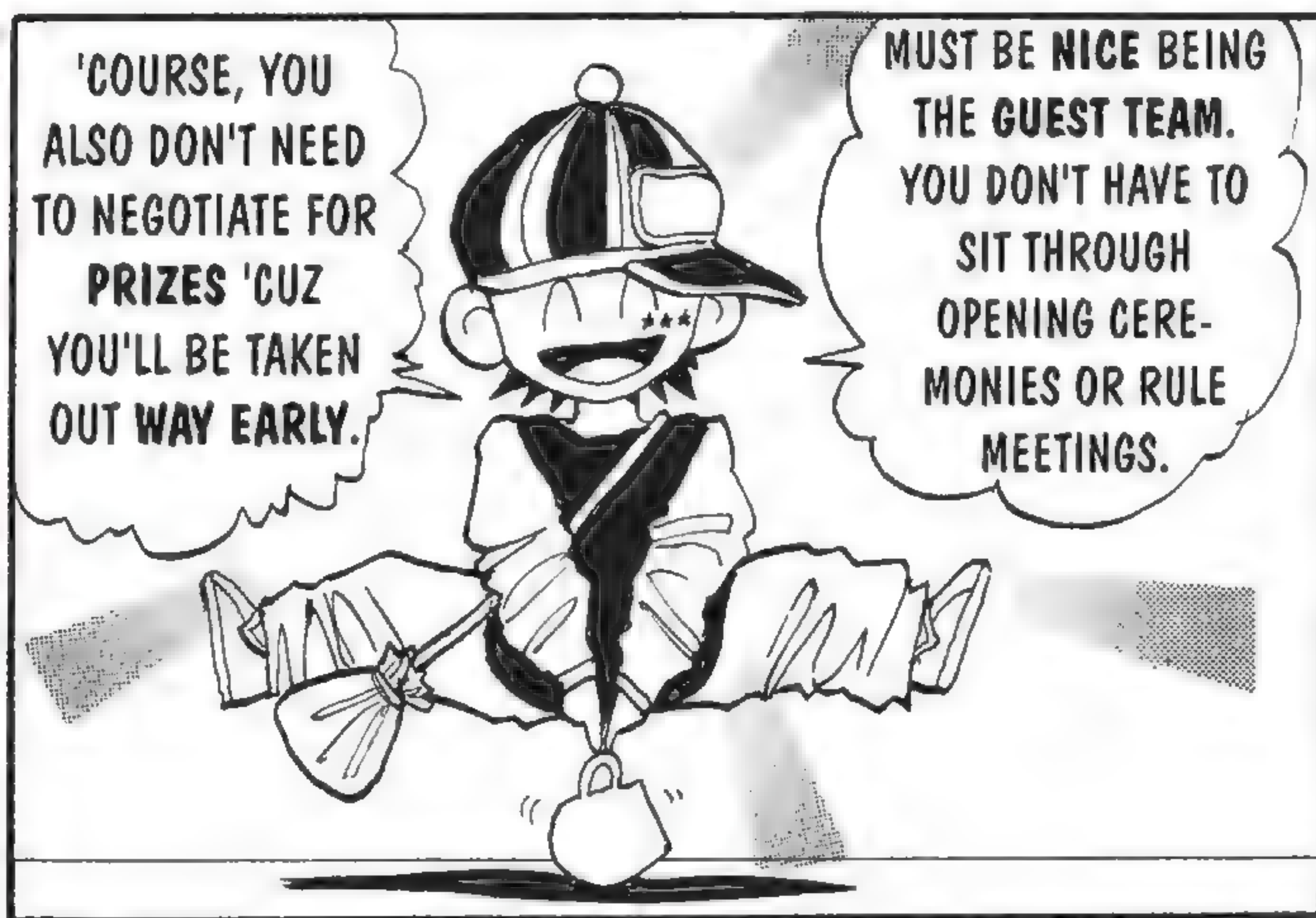
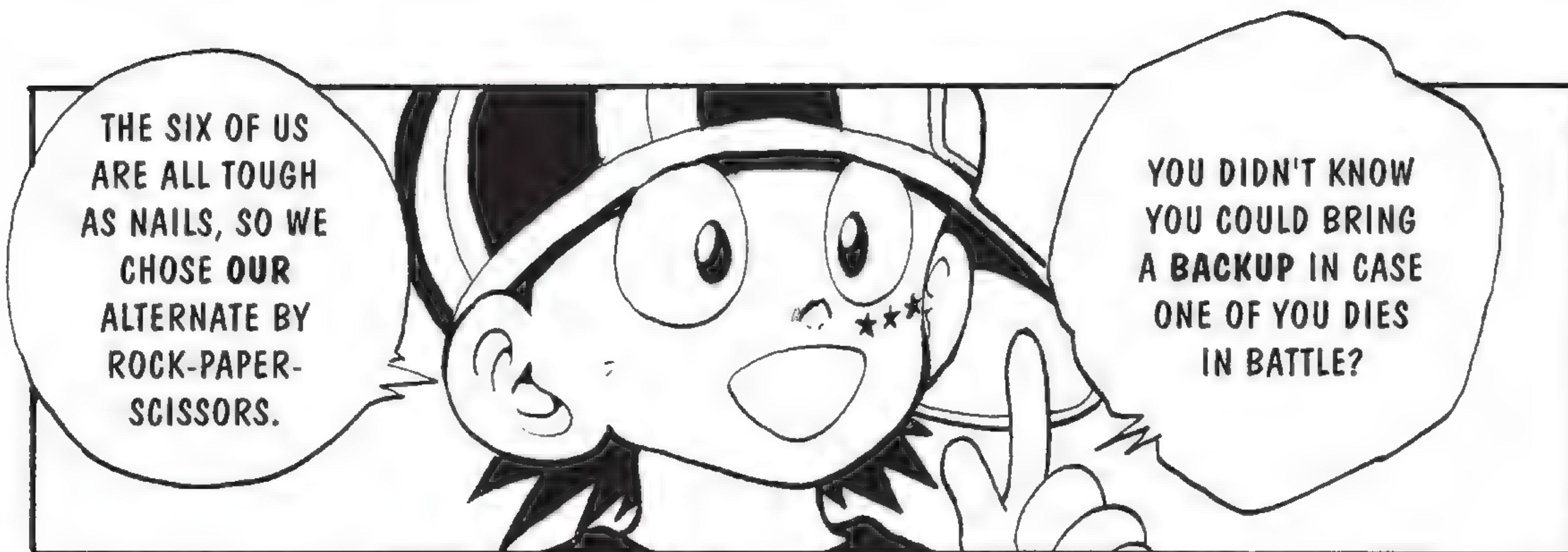
MAN, TALK ABOUT POSH!

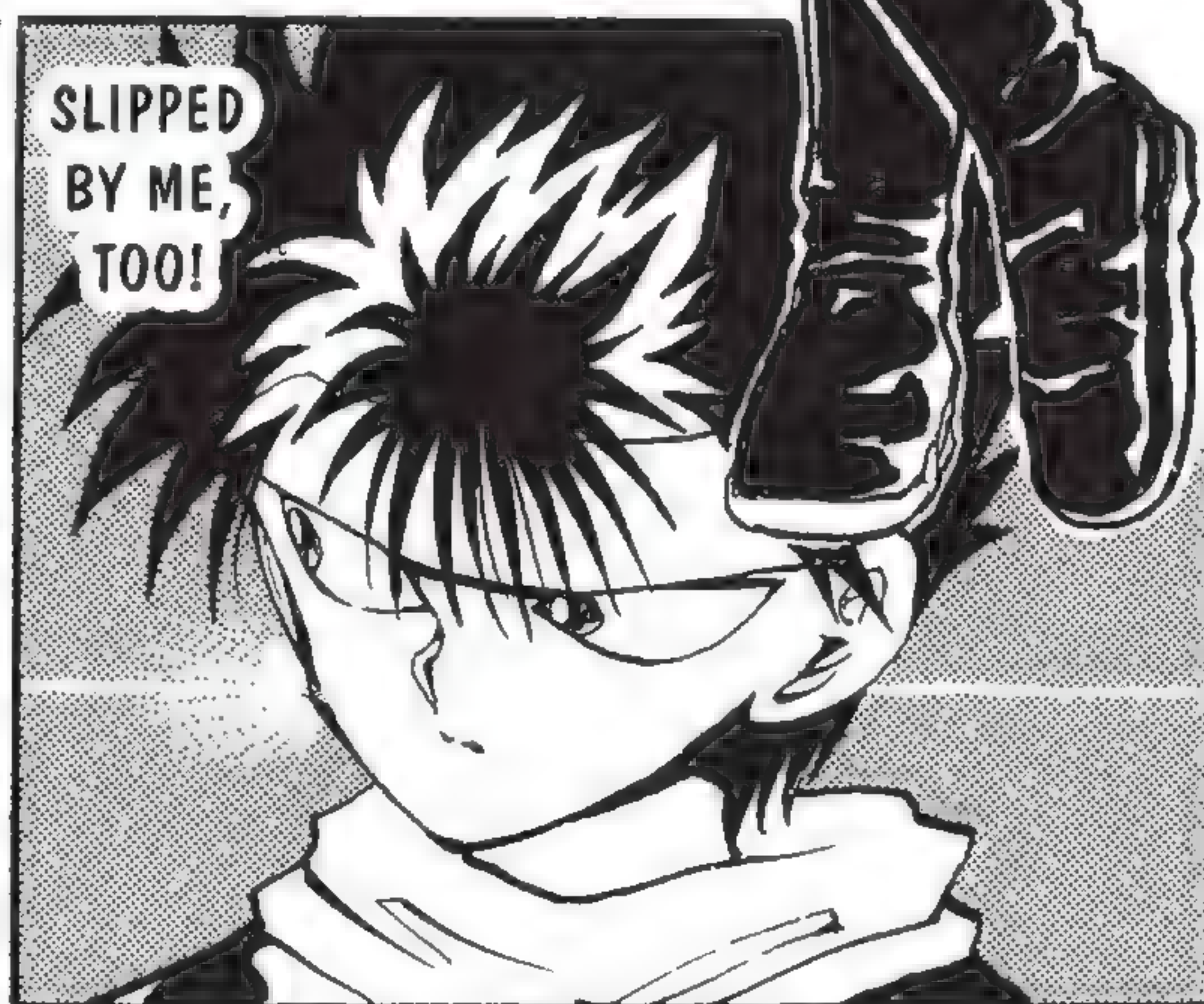
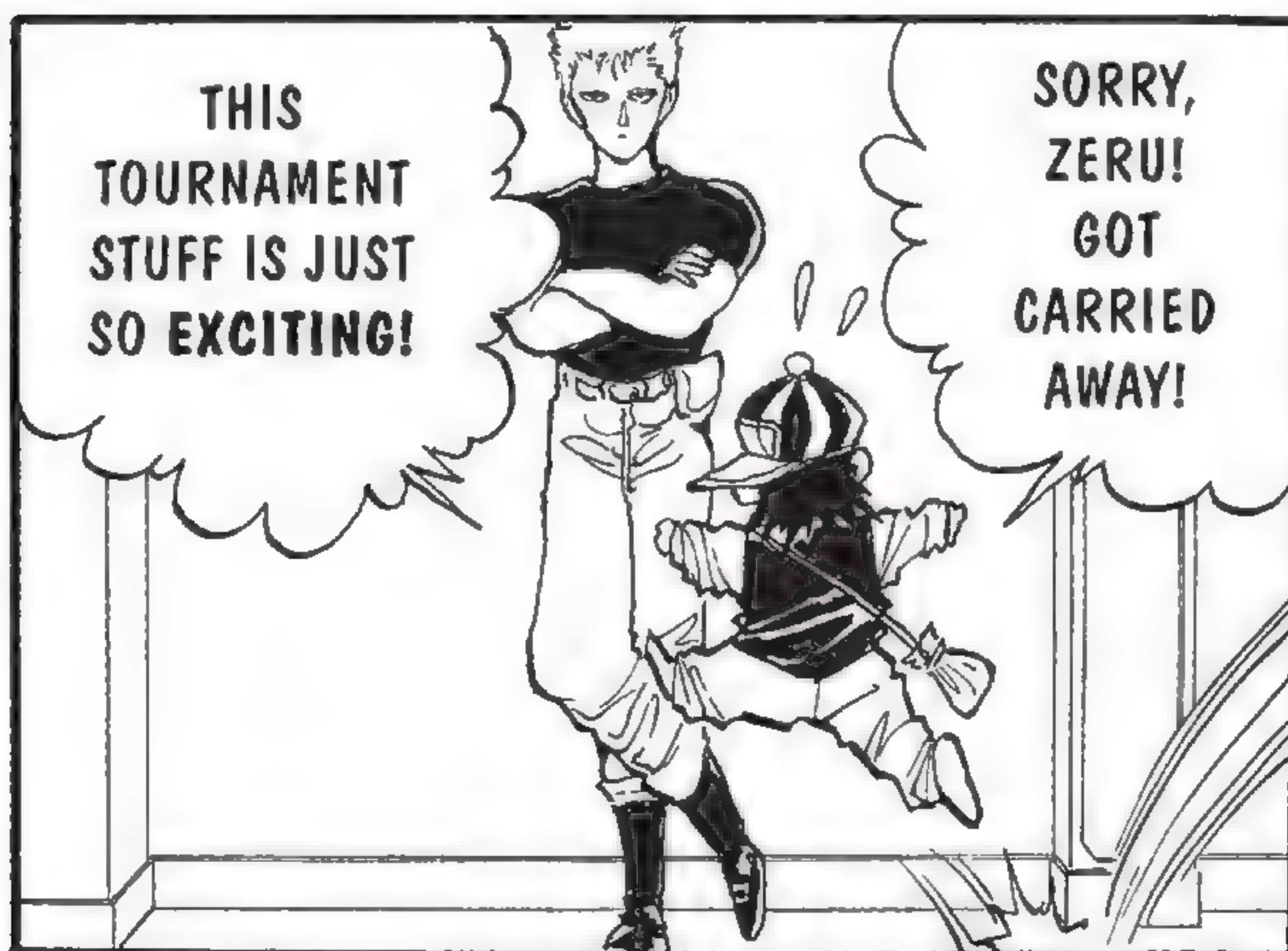


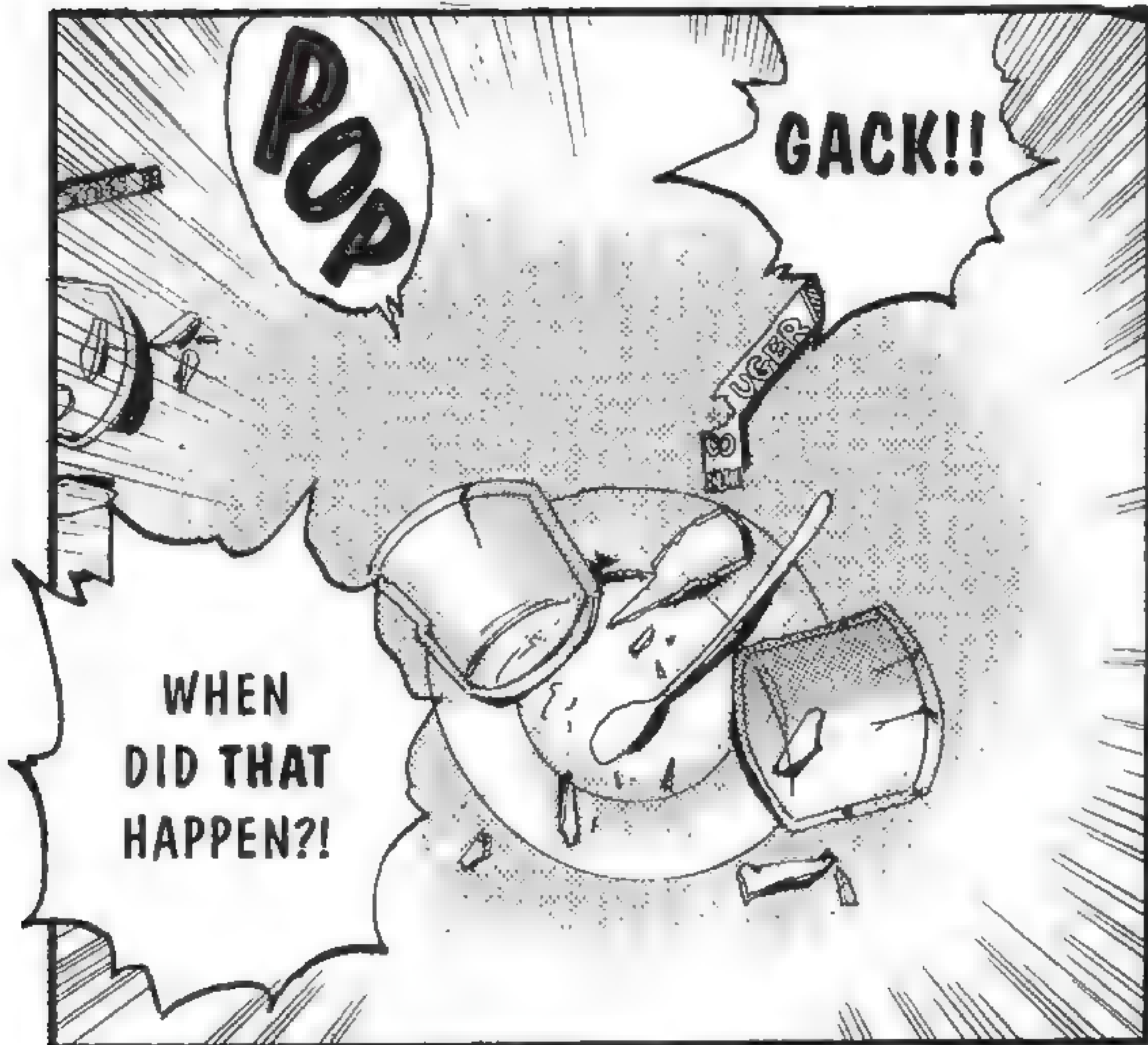






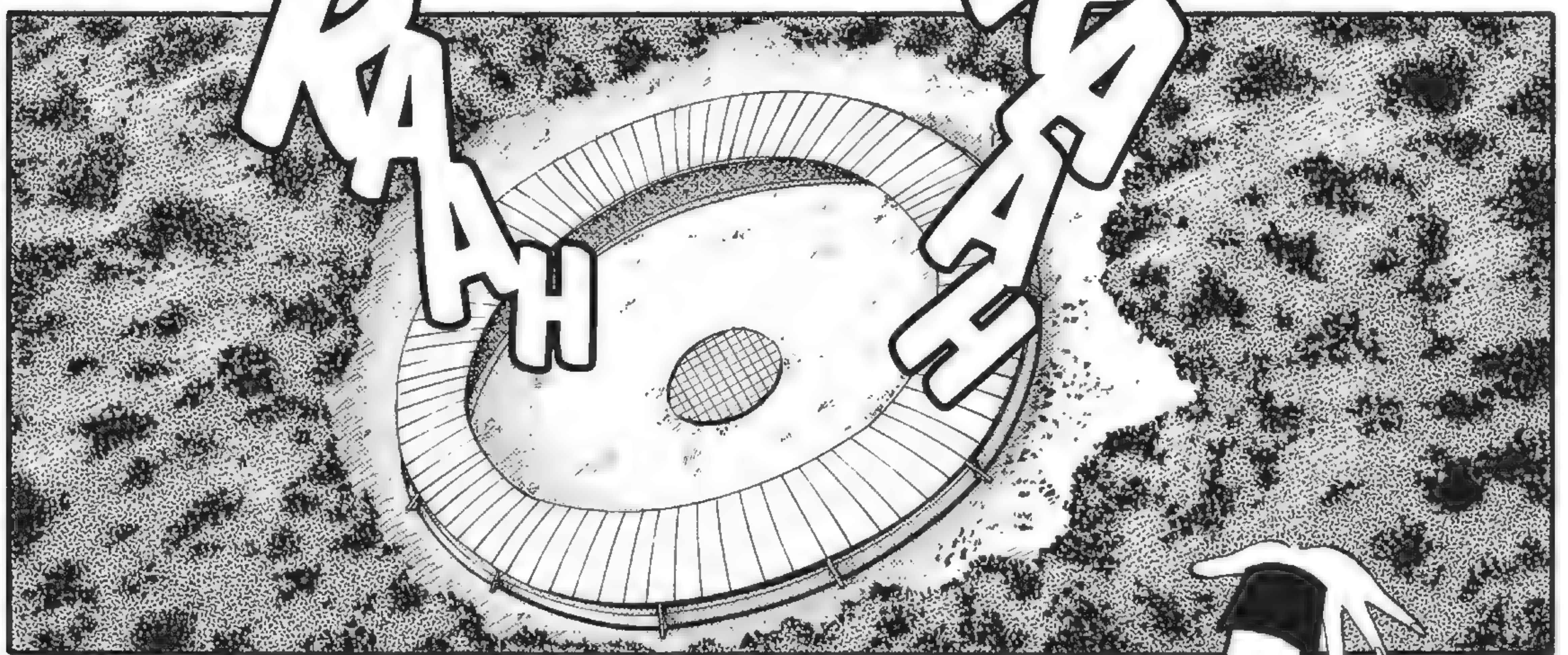








THE VANGUARD BATTLE BEGINS!!



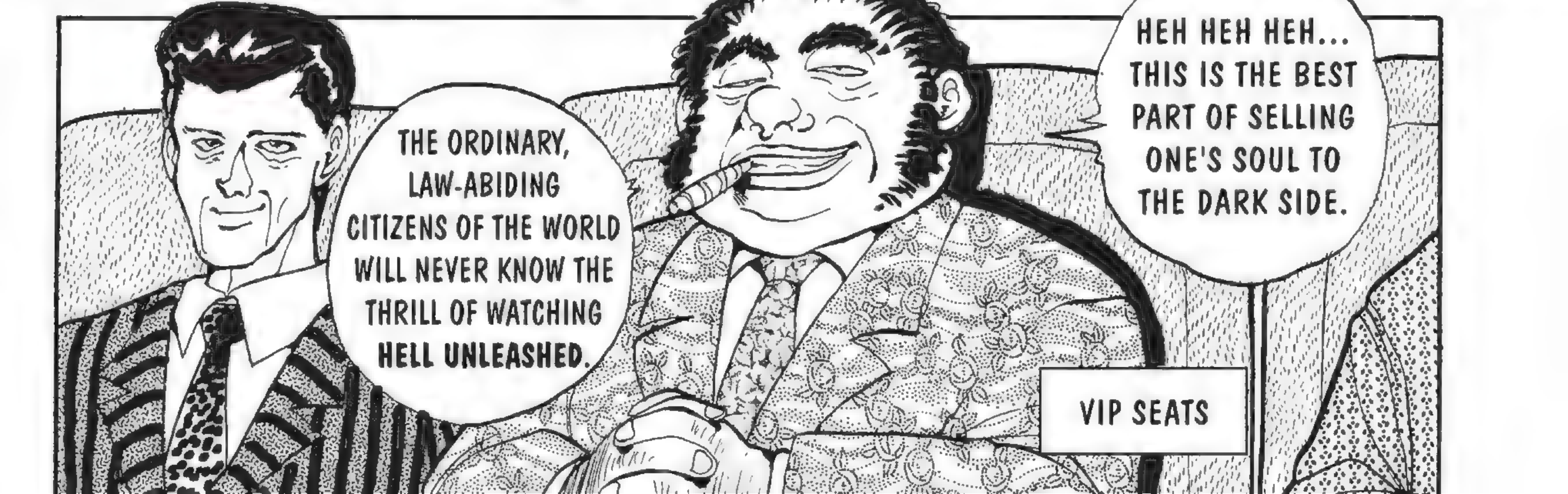
LET'S
WELCOME
OUR FIRST
TEAMS OF
CONTENDERS!!

MORNING,
EVERYONE!
YOU READY
FOR SOME
UNHOLY
MAYHEM?!





**I DECLARE
THE DARK
TOURNAMENT
OFFICIALLY
UNDERWAY!!!**



THE ORDINARY,
LAW-ABIDING
CITIZENS OF THE WORLD
WILL NEVER KNOW THE
THRILL OF WATCHING
HELL UNLEASHED.

HEH HEH HEH...
THIS IS THE BEST
PART OF SELLING
ONE'S SOUL TO
THE DARK SIDE.

VIP SEATS



THE VANGUARD BATTLE BEGINS!!

PUBLIC SEATS

THE RULES BAR
THOSE WHO DO
BAD DEEDS!
SO LET'S SEE
SOME!!

WE DIDN'T DO
ANY OF THAT
FOR WEEKS SO
WE COULD BE
HERE!

WE WANT
HITTING,
KICKING,
POKES IN
THE EYE!





IT'S THE
JOLLY DEVIL SIX—
SCRAPPY STARS
OF THE SLUMS!!

RAH SHUF

RAH RAH

THEY'RE THE
REAL CHALLENGE
TO YOUR TEAM
TOGURO.

URAMESHI'S
TEAM WILL BE
DISPATCHED,
IN SHORT.

... BUT
THEY HAVE
POTENTIAL.
LEGENDS IN
THE MAKING,
I BELIEVE.

WHAT DO YOU
THINK, MR.
SAKYO? THEY'RE
JUST DREGS OF
THE RED-LIGHT
DISTRICT...

JOLLY DEVIL SIX'S SPONSOR:
MEMBER OF THE BBC,
Sukezo Gondawara

THE
"GUESTS"
HAVE
ARRIVED!

LOOK!
URAMESHI'S
ALREADY
FAINTED!

TRAITORS!
HOPE THEY
CHEW YOU
UP AND SPIT
YOU OUT!

NO WAY
YOU'RE
COMIN' OUT
ALIVE!

HIEI!
KURAMA!
HUMAN-
LOVIN'
BASTARDS!

HISS

GO

TEAMS
TO THE
CENTER,
PLEASE!!

CALLING US
TRAITORS?
IF THEY WEREN'T
SUCH LOWLIFES, I'D
TAKE OFFENSE.

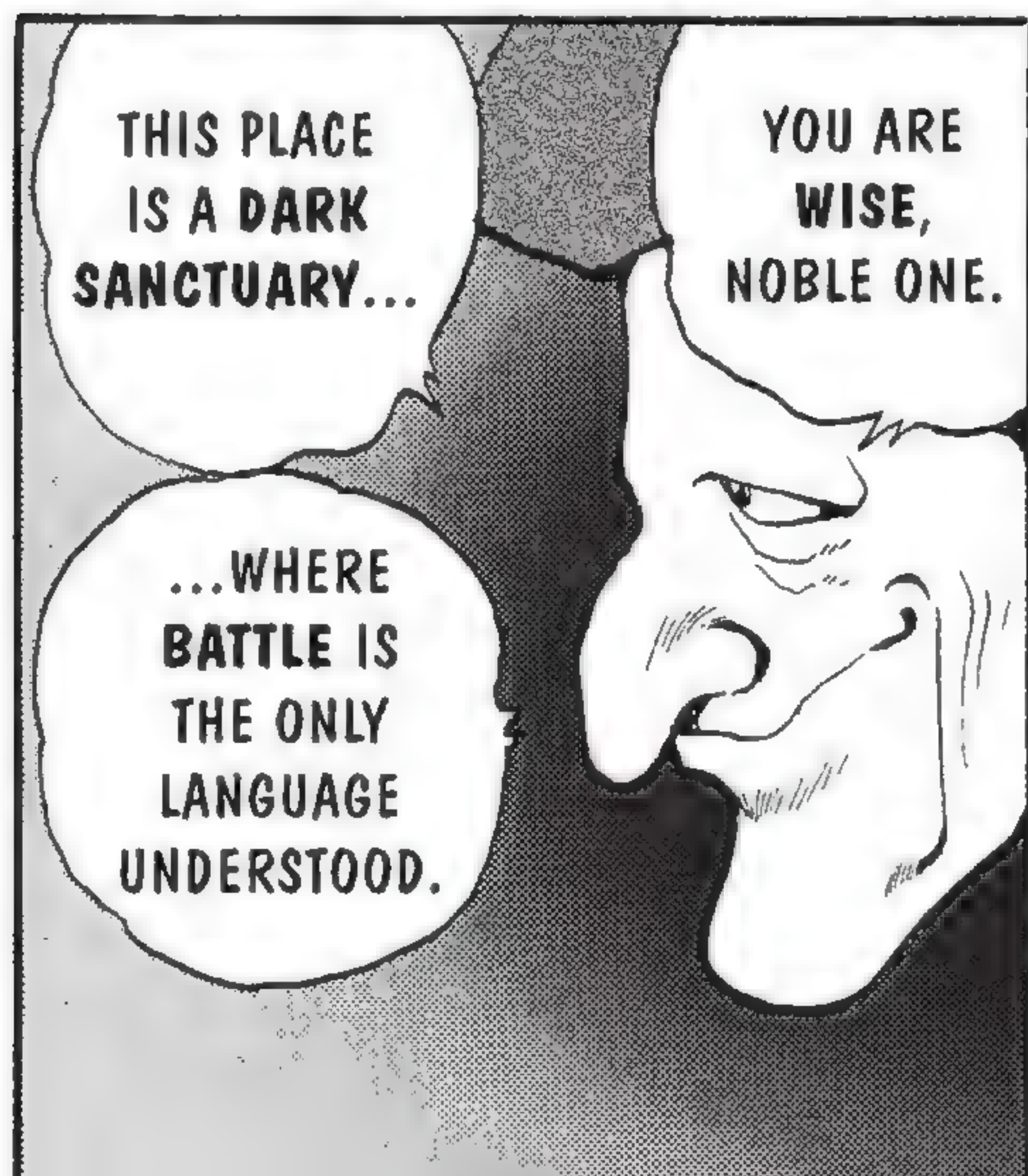
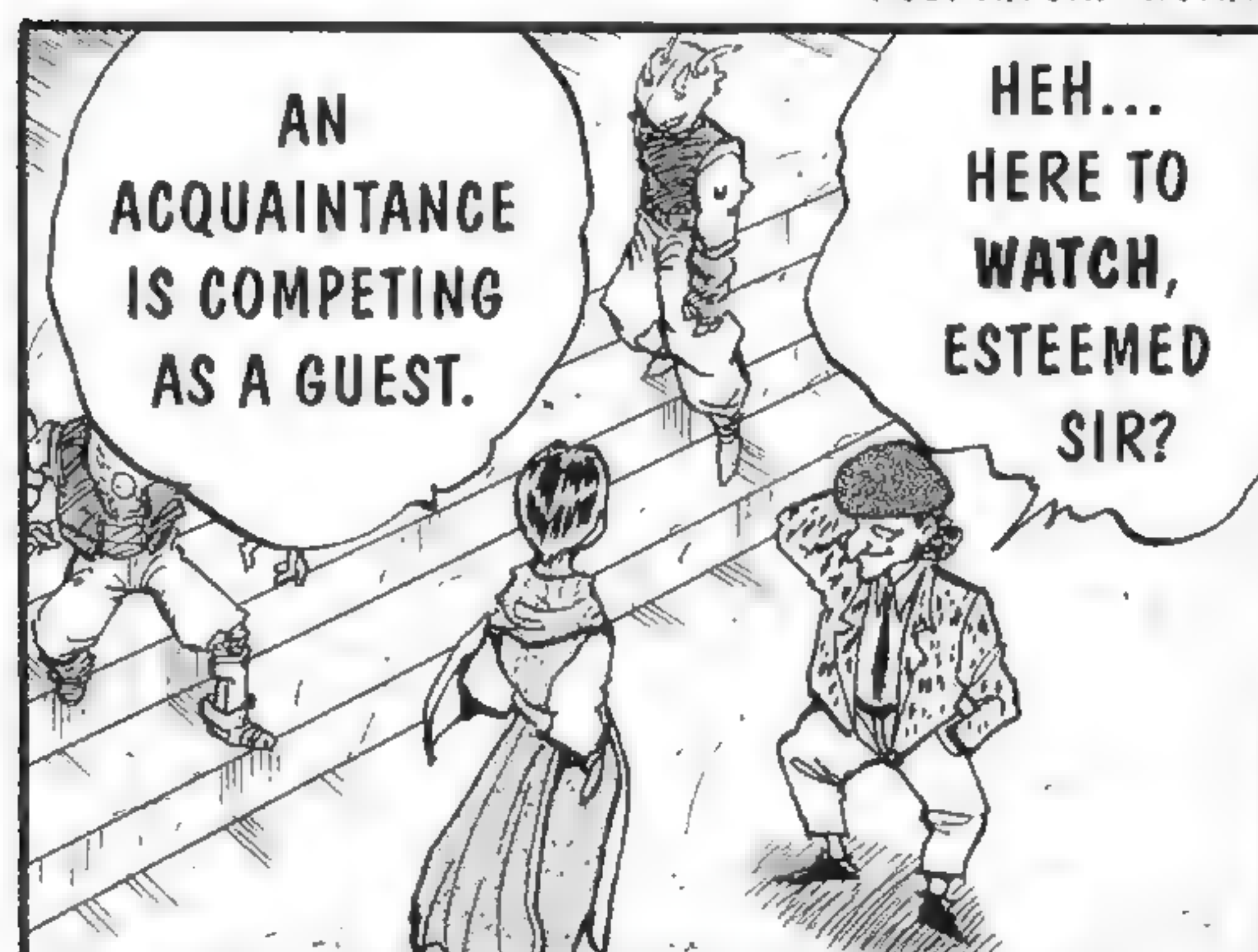
...GUESS
THEY HAVE
TO VENT ON
SOMEBODY.

FRIENDLY
BUNCH...

SHUK

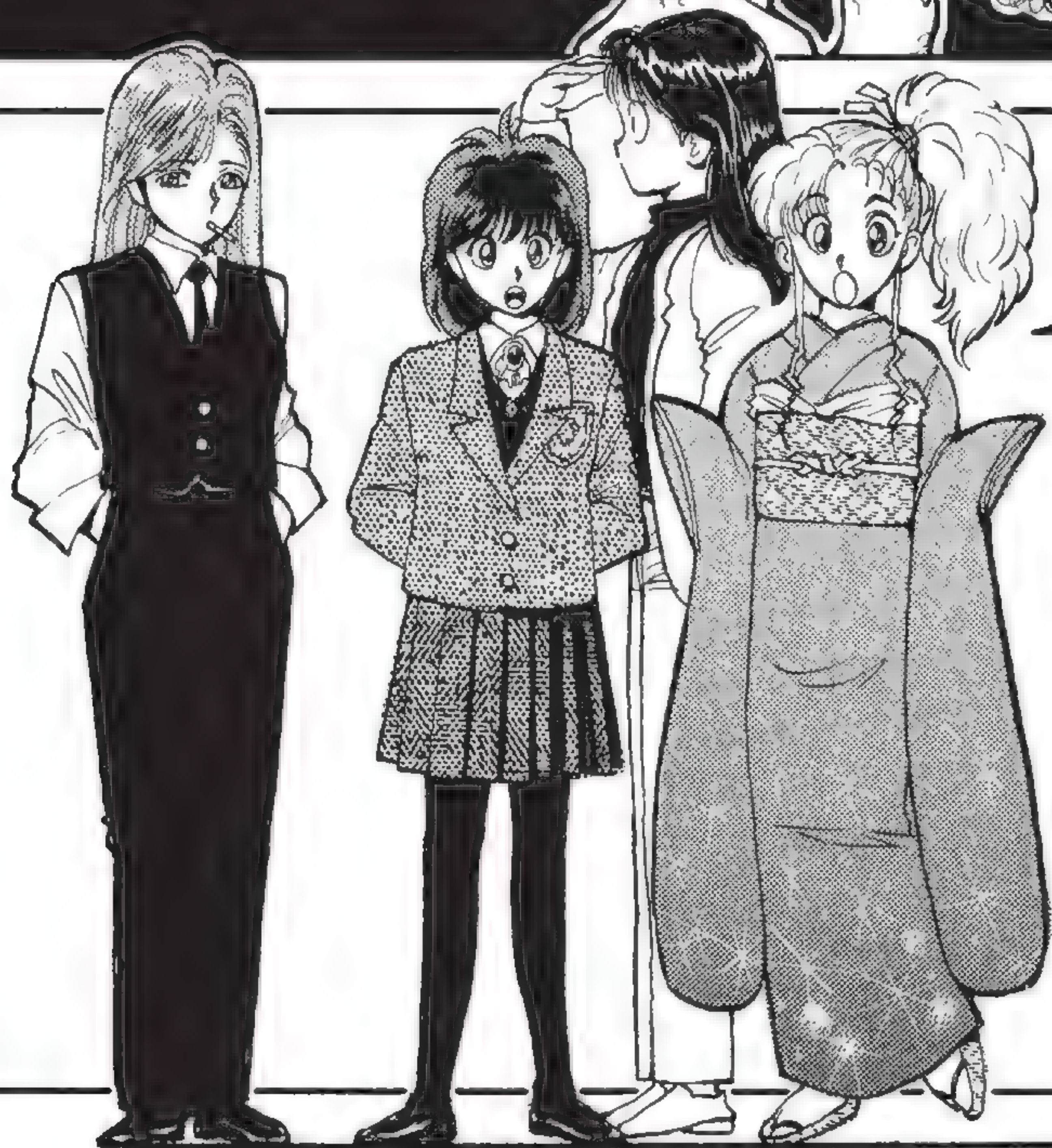


KOENMA JR.--HUMAN WORLD VERSION



...AND EVEN
YOU HOLD NO
RANK OVER ANY
OTHER SPECTATOR.
YOU COULD NOT
OBJECT IF YOU SAW
YOUR OWN PARENTS
MURDERED.

THE LAW IS
DECIDED BY
THE VICTOR...



MASTER
KOENMA!
YUSUKE'S
TEAM'S IN
THE ARENA!!

GOT IT.
THANKS.



YOU'RE QUITE
THE LADIES
MAN, SIR!

WOW!
SOME
HAREM!



I WAS
JUST
TRYING
TO BE
NICE!

ONCE MY LOOSE-
LIPPED SUB-
ORDINATE WAS
THROUGH, I HAD TO
BRING THEM
ALONG.

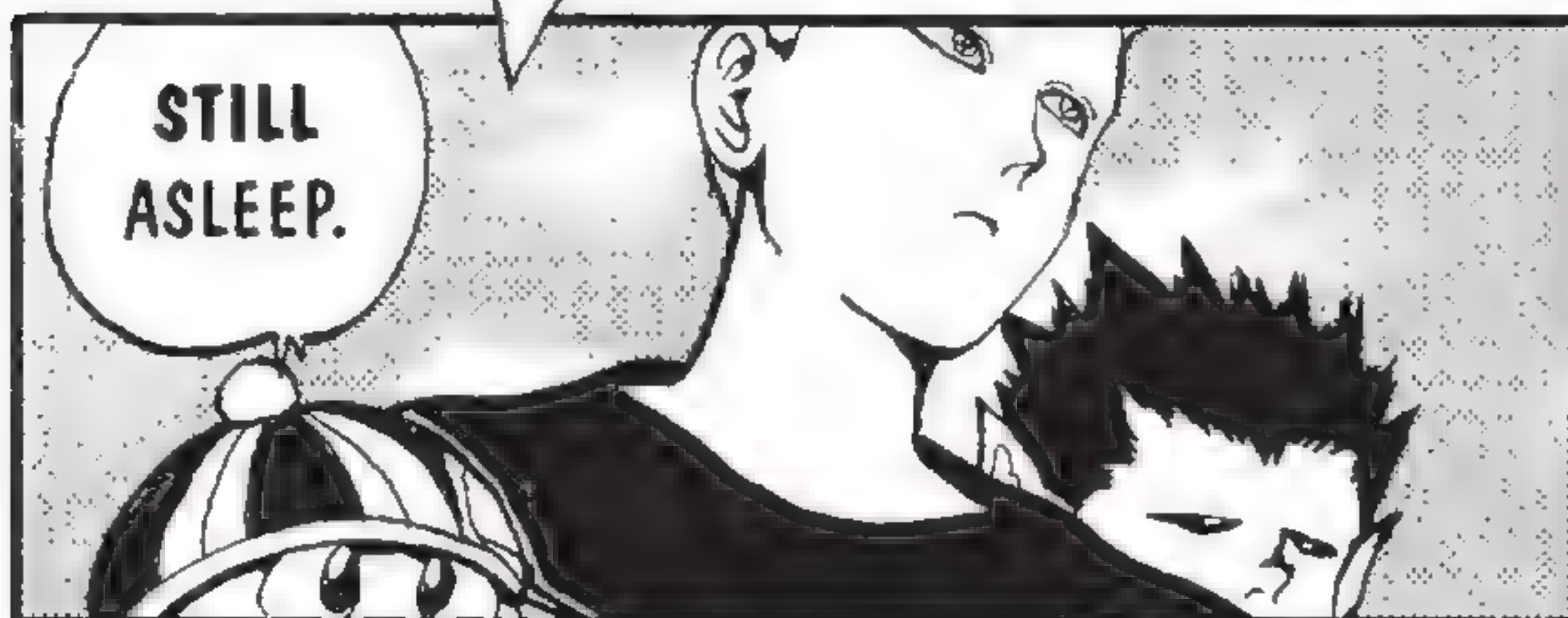


FRIENDS
AND FAMILY
OF THE
"GUESTS."

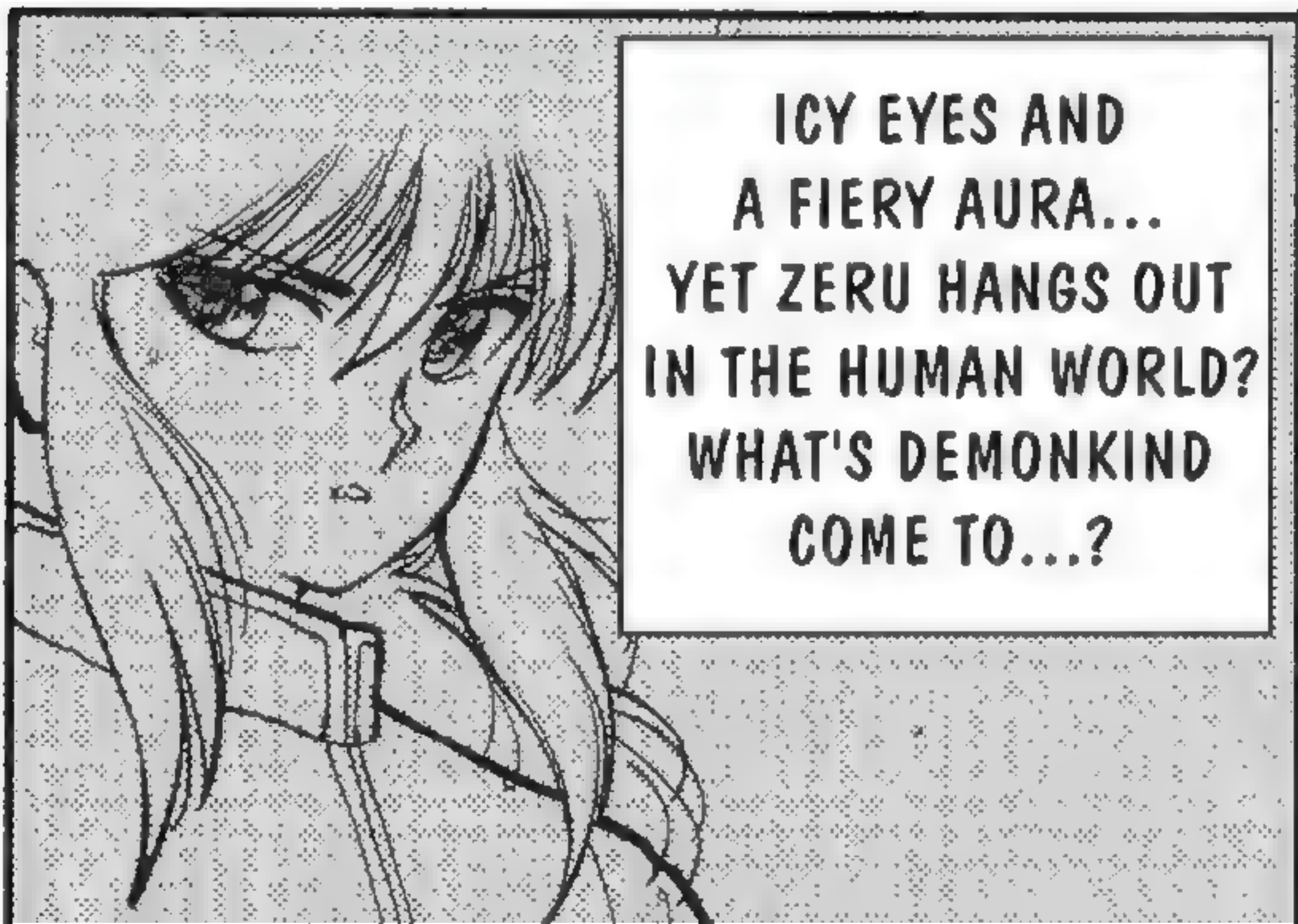
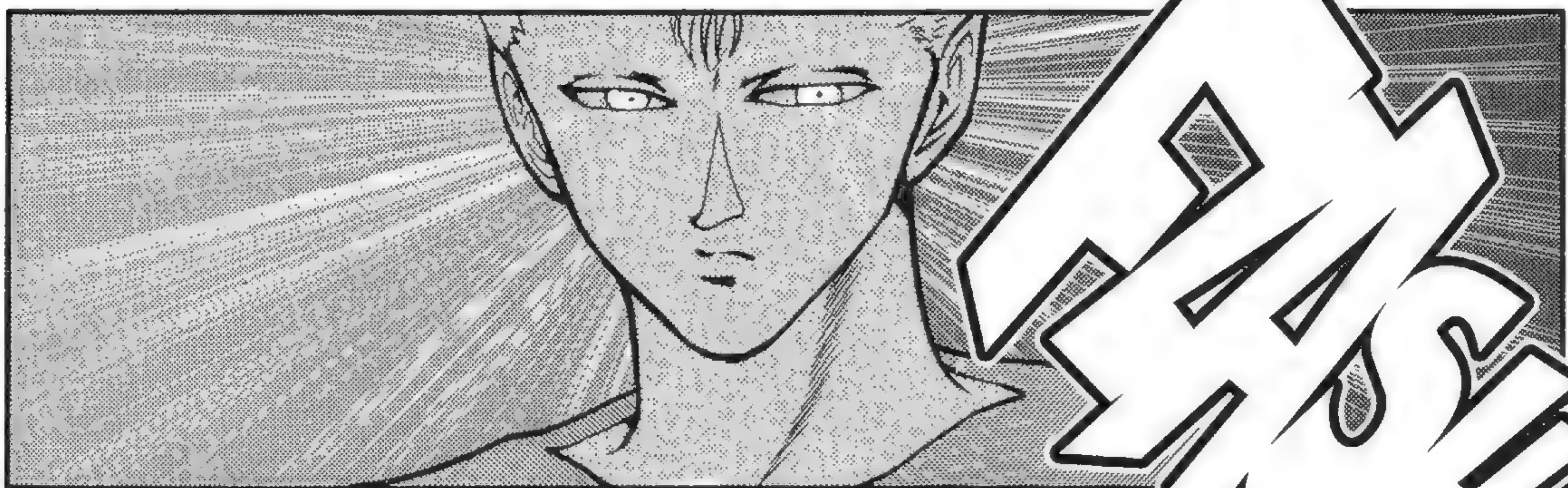
...THREE HUMAN
WOMEN BOLD
ENOUGH TO
COME HERE.



HMM...
WELL...

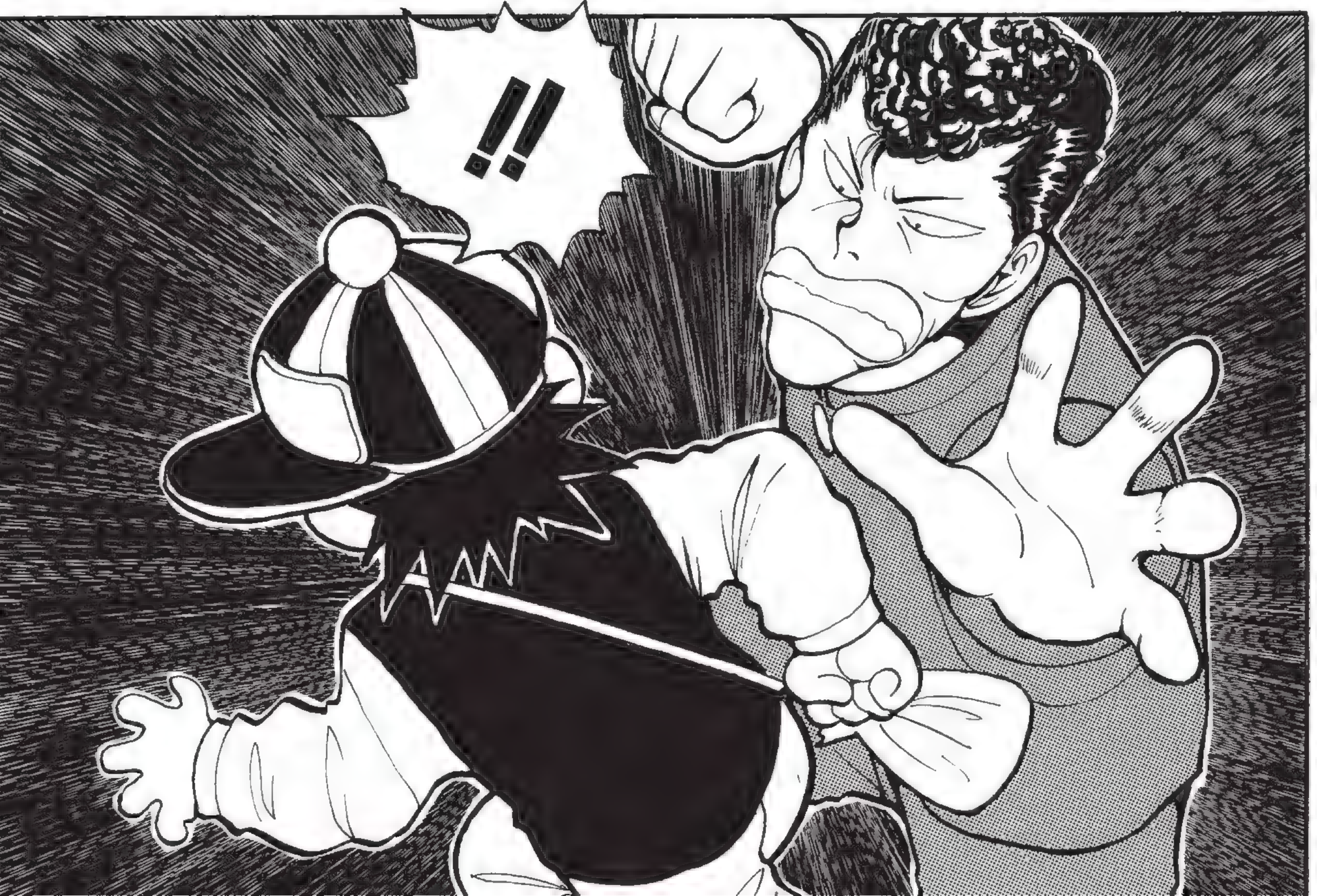
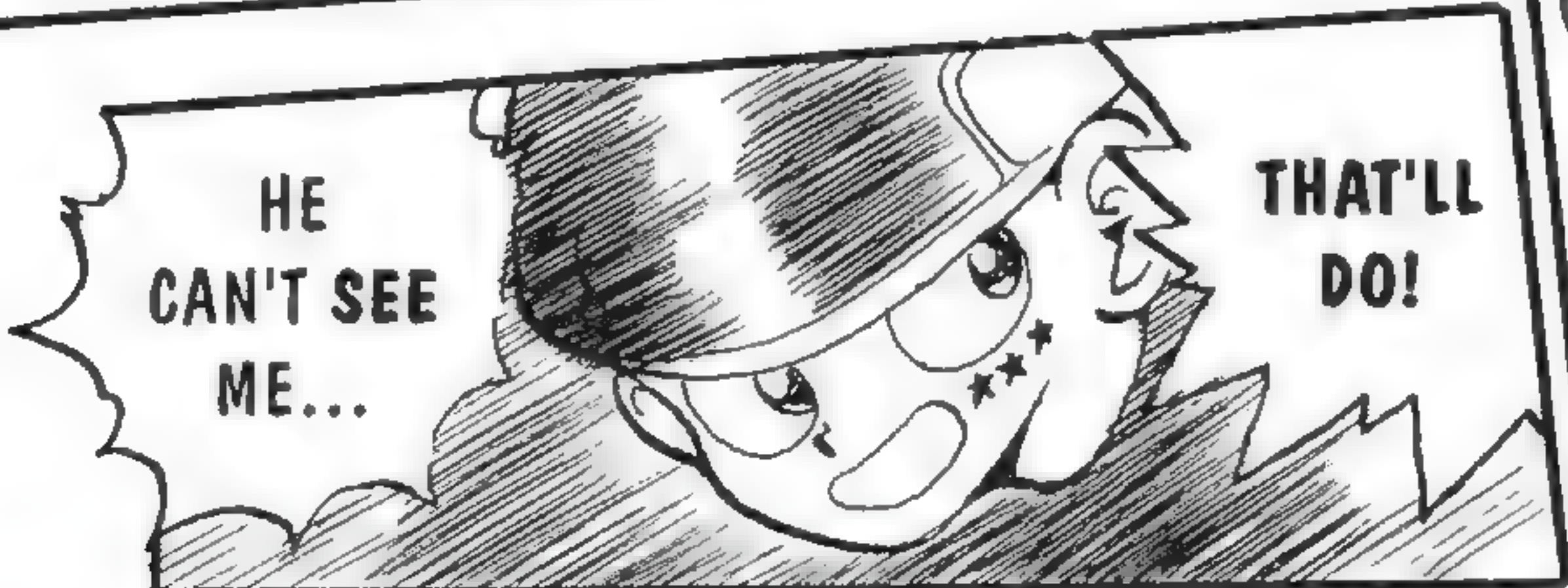














THE
GLOVES
ARE OFF,
KID!!



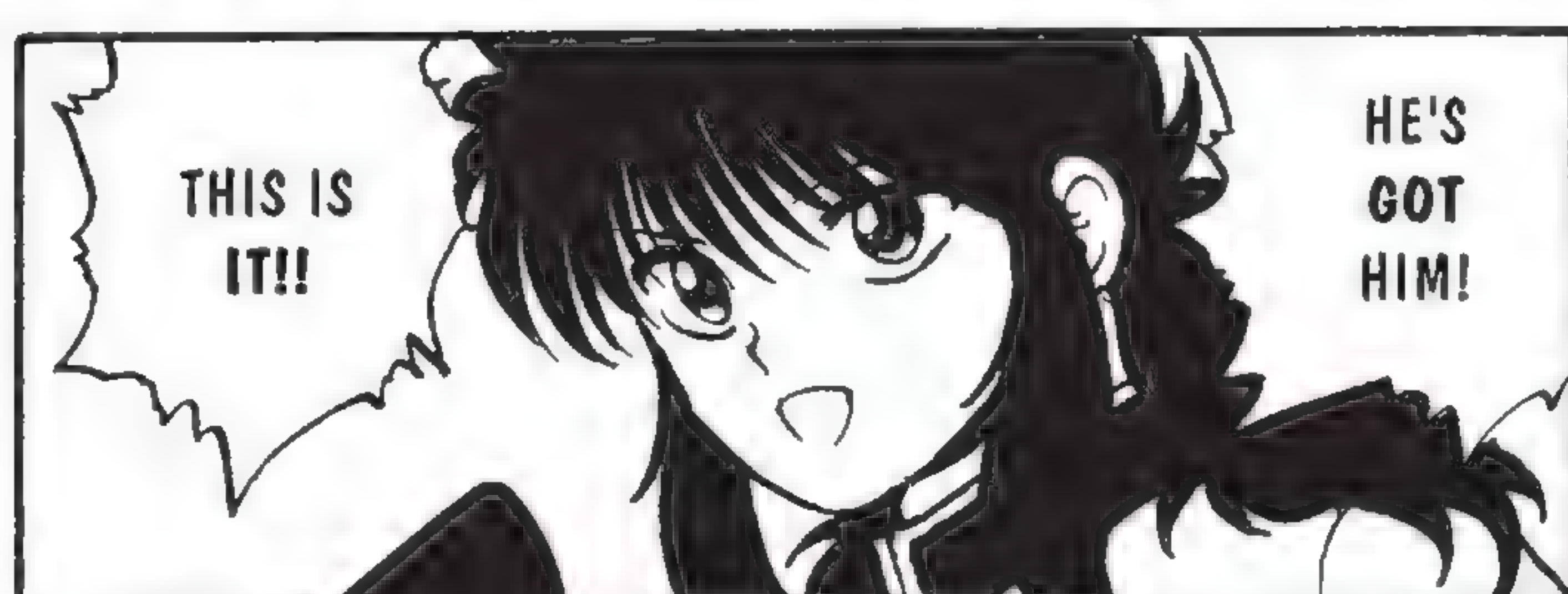
WHAT...?



UNREAL!!

DIDYA
SEE
THAT?

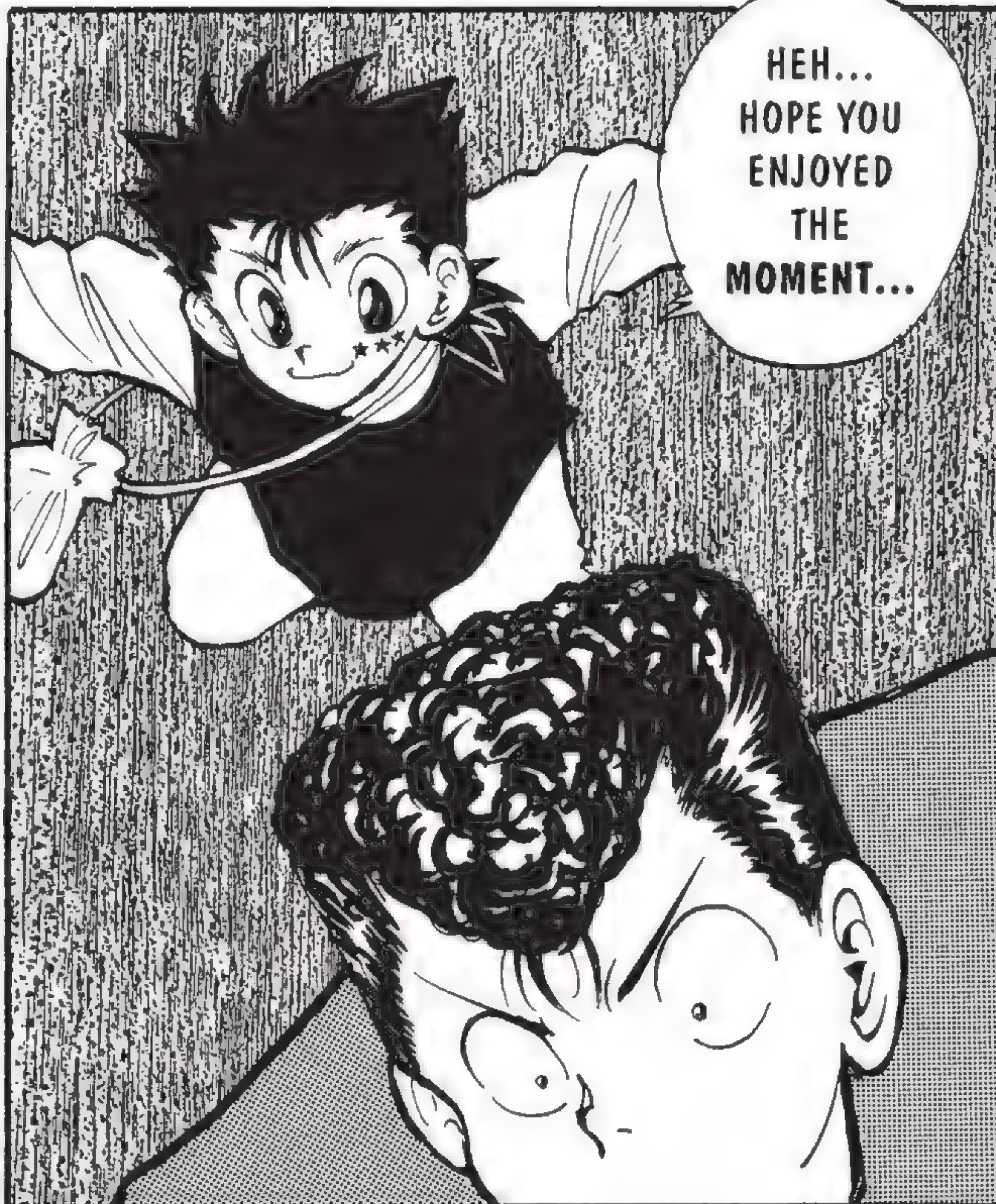




YOU'RE GOIN'
DOWN FOR
THE COUNT,
KID!

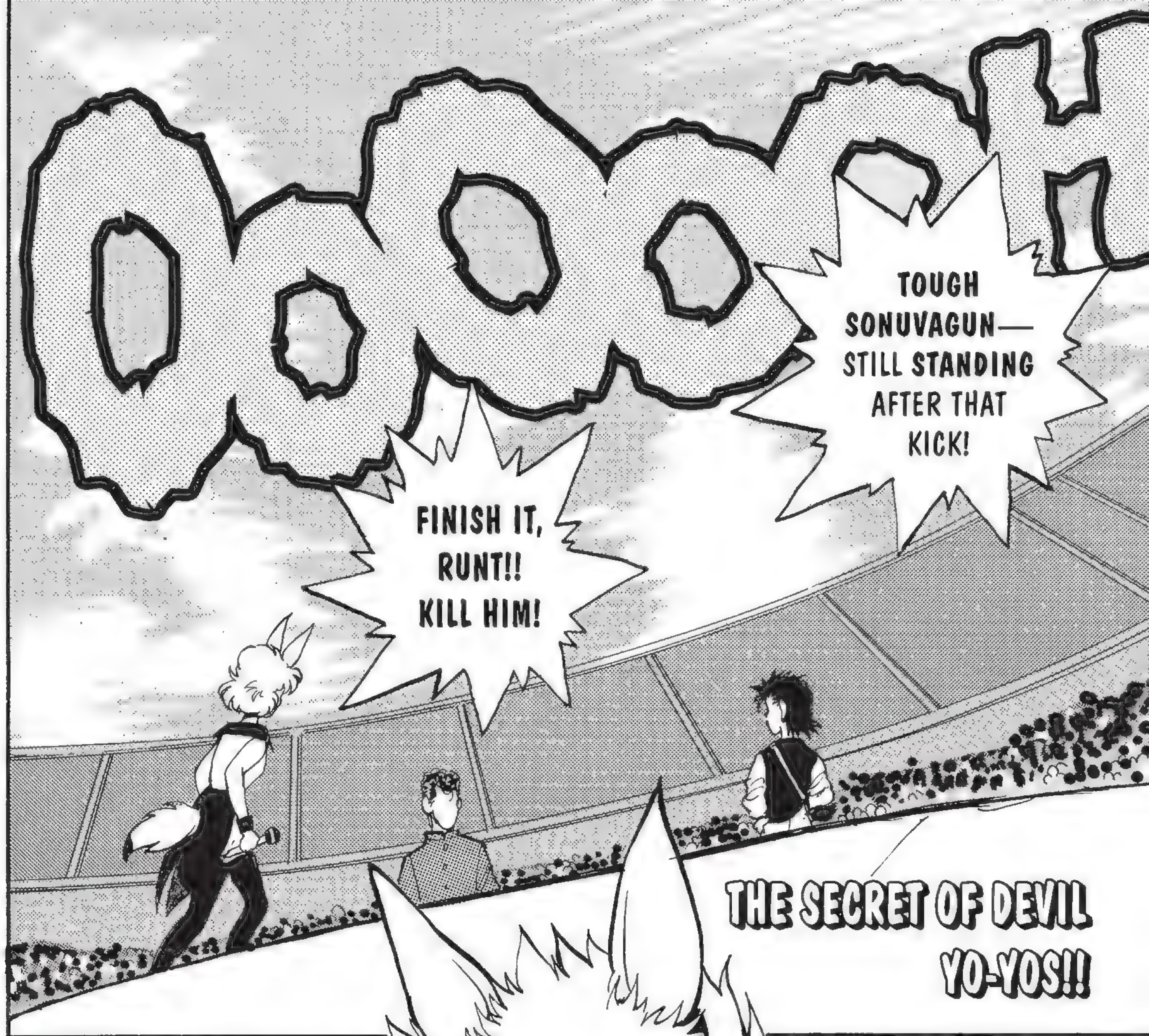


I AIN'T INTO
TORTURE, SO
I'LL MAKE IT
QUICK!









**TOUGH
SONUVAGUN—
STILL STANDING
AFTER THAT
KICK!**

**FINISH IT,
RUNT!!
KILL HIM!**

**THE SECRET OF DEVIL
YO-YOS!!**



**IT'S ONLY THE
FIRST MATCH OF
THE TOURNAMENT,
BUT THE TENSION
IS ALREADY
PALPABLE!**



**RINKU USES
PSYCHOLOGICAL
TACTICS TO CATCH THE
OTHER OFF-GUARD,
AND KUWABARA TAKES
IT IN STRIDE!!**



.....



...BUT THAT
KICK TO MY
HEAD DIDN'T
DO ME IN...

...SO HE
AIN'T MUCH
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

GOTTA SAY, HE
OUTWITTED
ME...

THE SECRET OF DEVIL YO-YOS!!



YOU WITHSTOOD
MY DIRECT
ATTACK, SO I'LL
BRING OUT MY...

NOW I GET
WHY YOU
WERE INVITED
AS "GUESTS."

...DEMONIC
TRICKS.

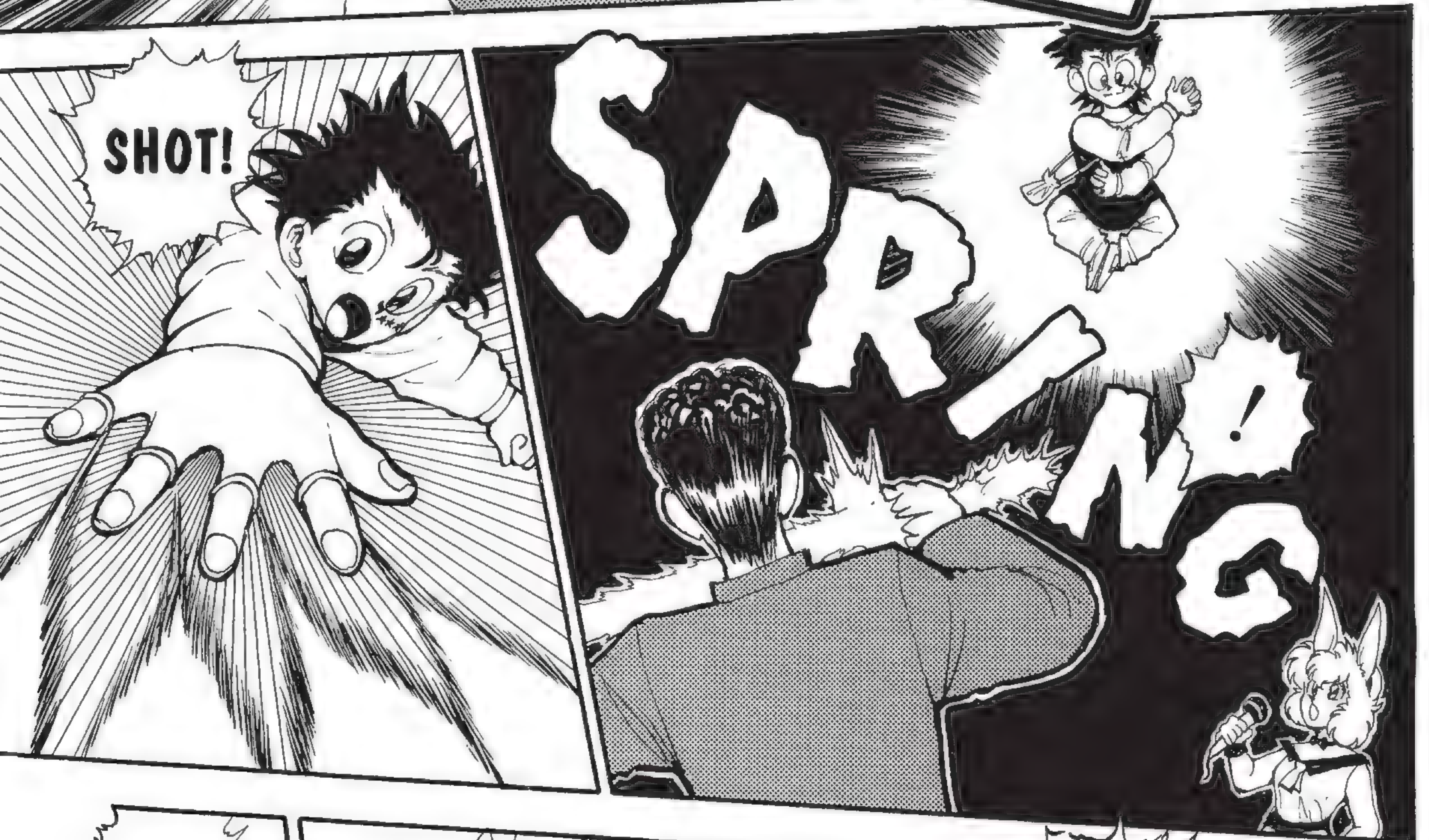
SERIOUS
PLAYTIME,
EH?

DEVIL
YO-YOS!!!





**BATTER
UP,
PAL!!**



SHOT!

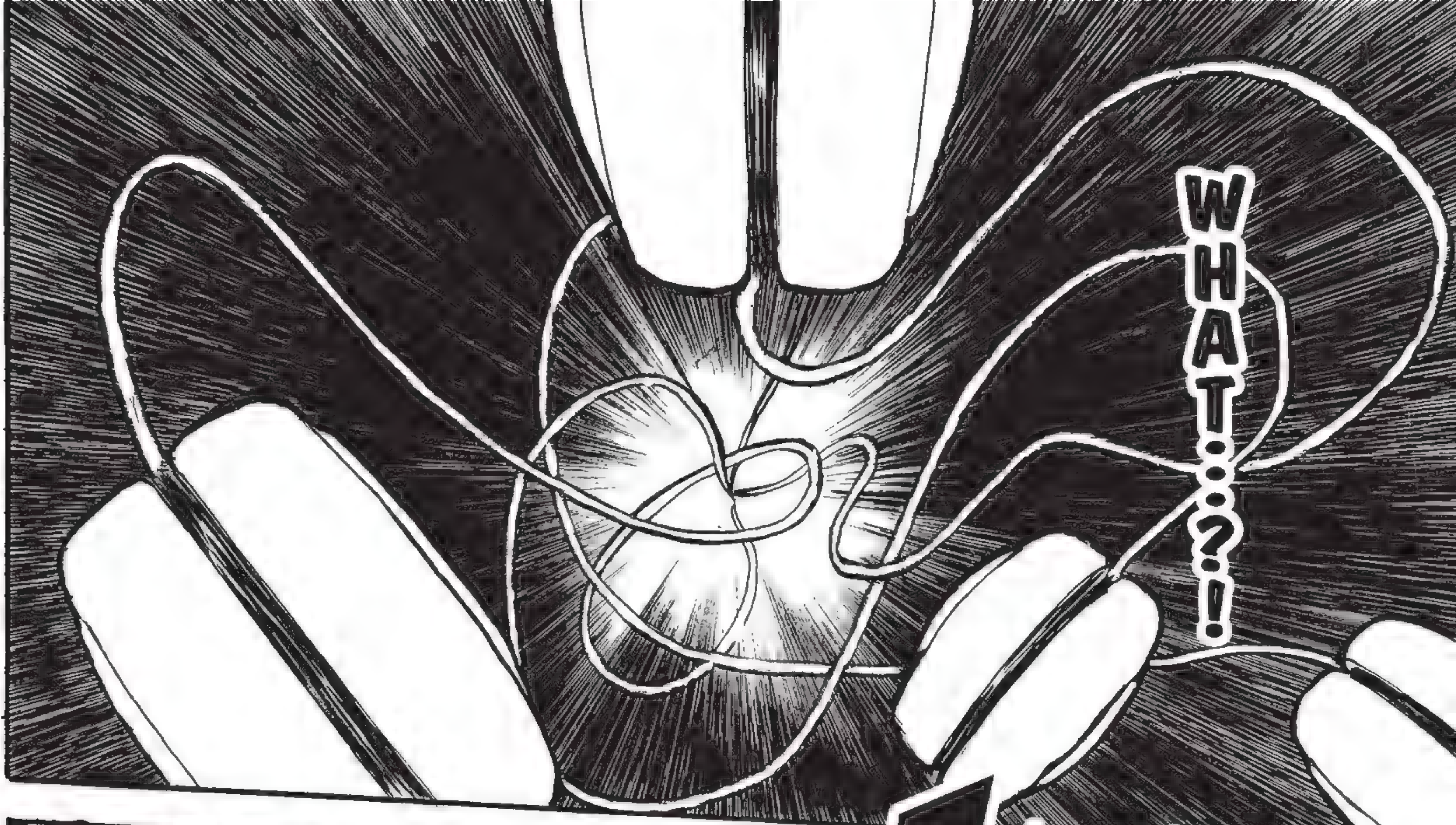
SPRING!



**I'LL JUST
SPLIT
'EM...**

**HMPH!
SIMPLE!**

SHOOM





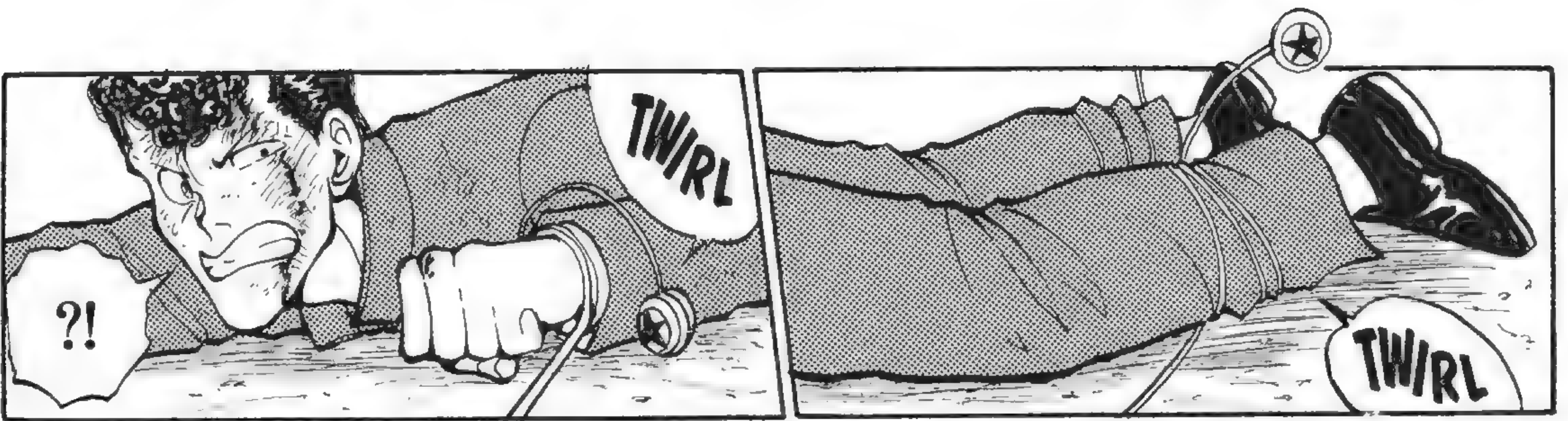




HE MAY BE
SMALL, BUT
HIS YO-YOS
KICK BUTT.

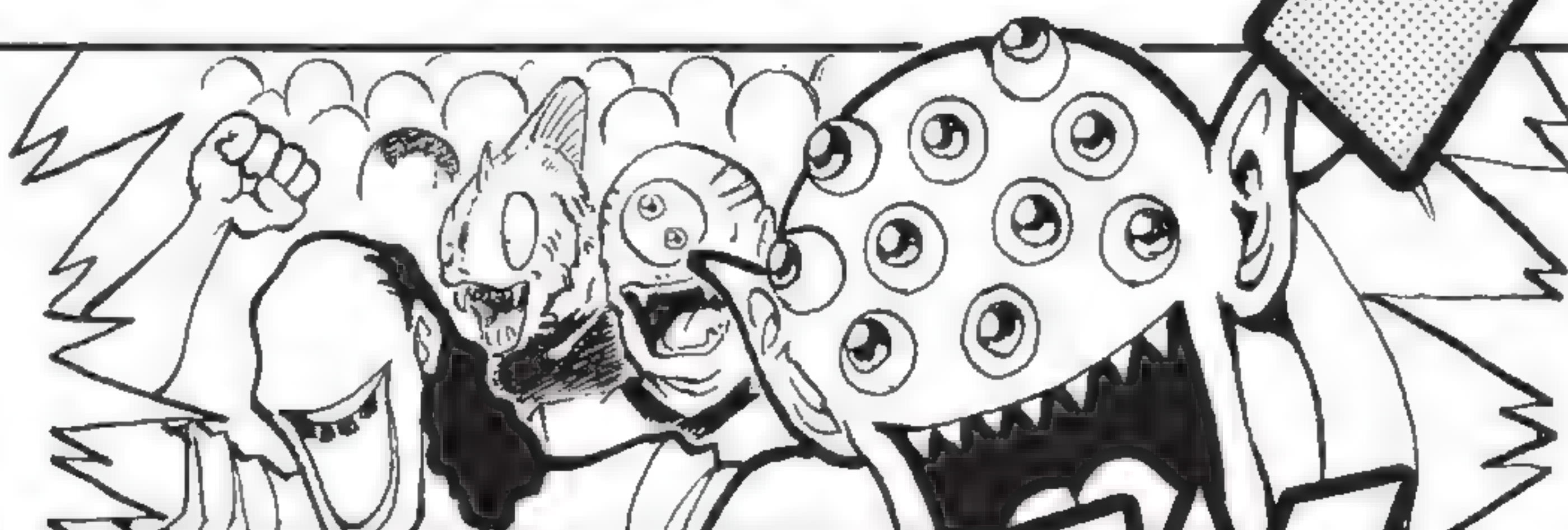
RINKU'S
POWERS
WORK BEST
THROUGH
WEAPONS.

THEY GO
WHEREVER
HE WILLS!

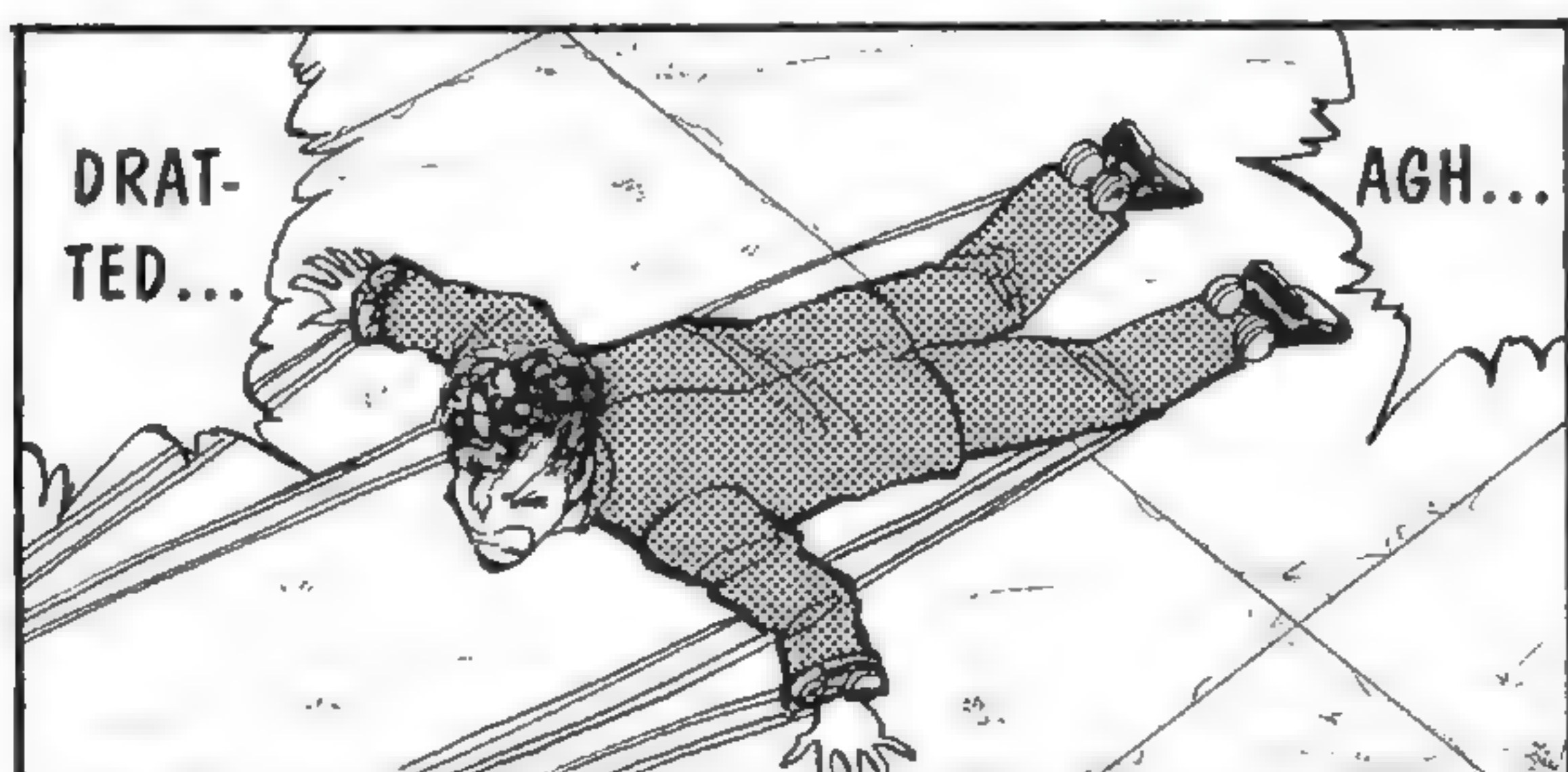


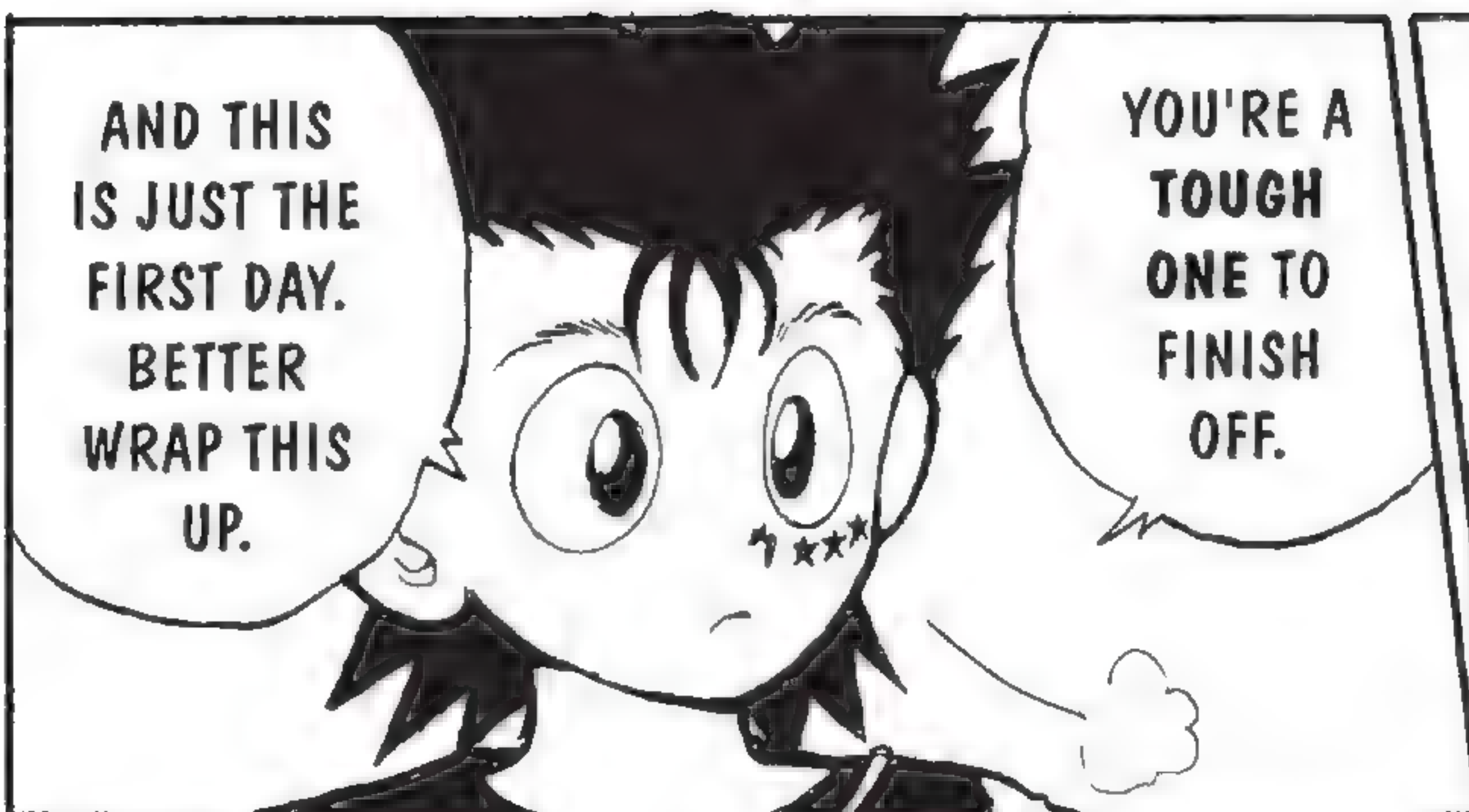


WHIP 'IM
'ROUND
AGAIN!!



BLOOD!
WE WANT
BLOOD!!





AND THIS
IS JUST THE
FIRST DAY.
BETTER
WRAP THIS
UP.

YOU'RE A
TOUGH
ONE TO
FINISH
OFF.



I'LL
KILL
YOU...!!

...PUNK!



THEY'RE
CHEERING
LIKE MAD!
WHO'S
WINNING?



HEY, THE
TOURNAMENT'S
STARTED
ALREADY!!



KUWA-
BARA!

THAT KID'S
GOT HIM
SOARING
LIKE A
KITE!!



OH, NO!
LOOK!!

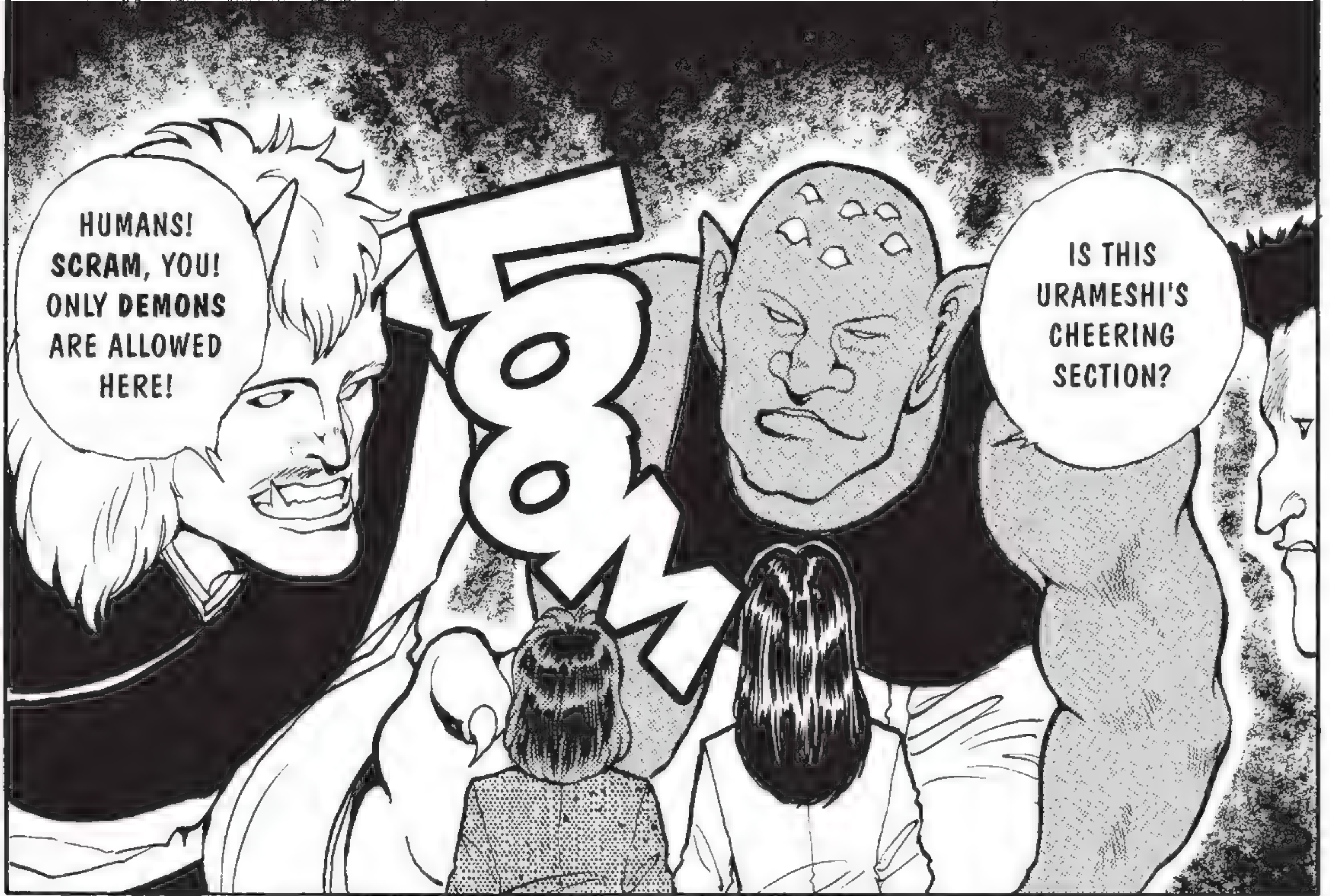


THAT'S YUSUKE'S MOM: CLUELESS



HEY, KEEP IT DOWN.





HUMANS!
SCRAM, YOU!
ONLY DEMONS
ARE ALLOWED
HERE!

IS THIS
URAMESHI'S
CHEERING
SECTION?



HOT AN'
BOTHERED
HUMAN!
YUMM...

SEZ YOU! MY
YUSUKE'S
COMPETING, SO
I'M STAYING!



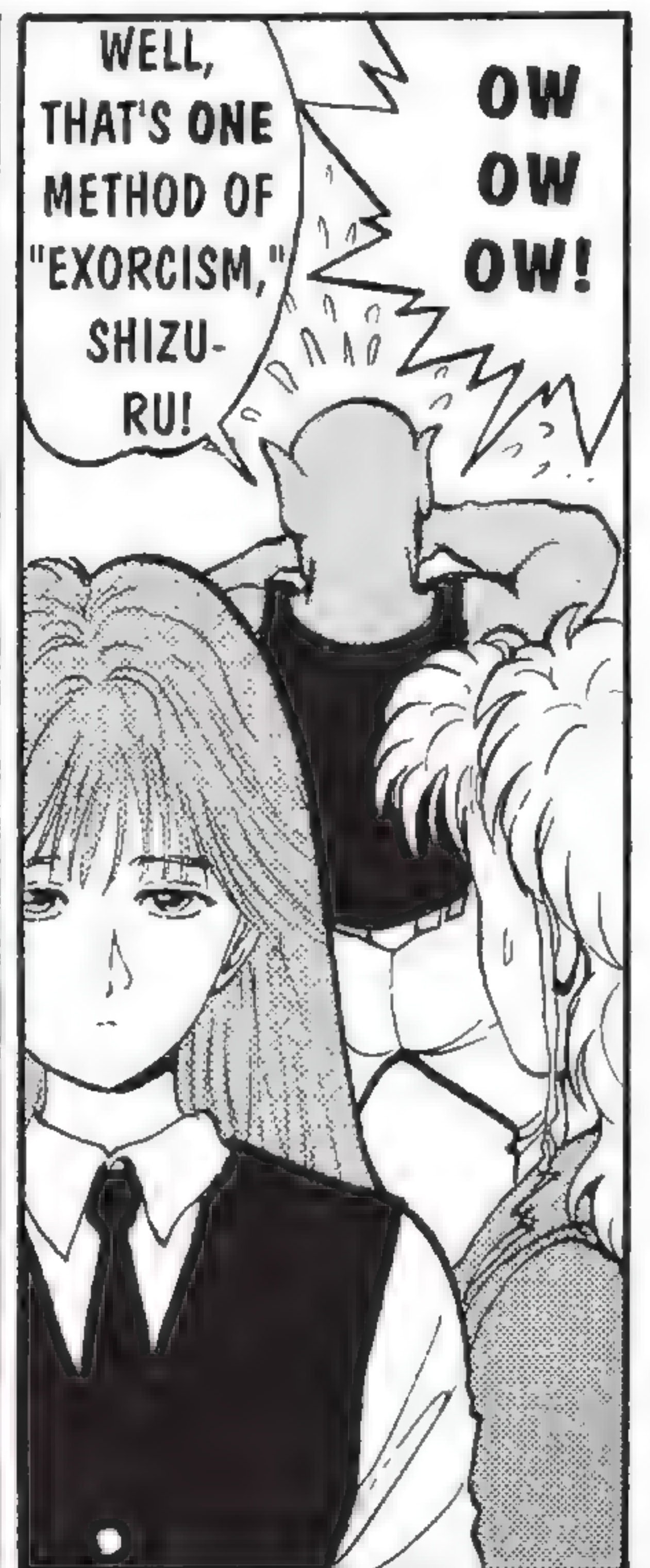
KUWABARA'S
FLYING HIGH
BUT IT'S A
LONG WAY
DOWN!!



STAY UP,
KUWABARA!!
FLOAT LIKE A
BUTTERFLY!

C'MON,
YUSUKE!
WAKE UP!!

I'M NOT
WITH
THEM...



WELL,
THAT'S ONE
METHOD OF
"EXORCISM,"
SHIZU-
RU!

OW
OW
OW!





YOU'RE
DARN
CLEVER IN
A PINCH.

SWEET
MOVE,
GUY.

AND THAT JUST
BEGS FOR A
SALVO OF YO-YOS
RIGHT IN YOUR
FACE!!

...SENDING
YOU
STRAIGHT
AT ME!

...YOUR
TRAJECTORY
IS...

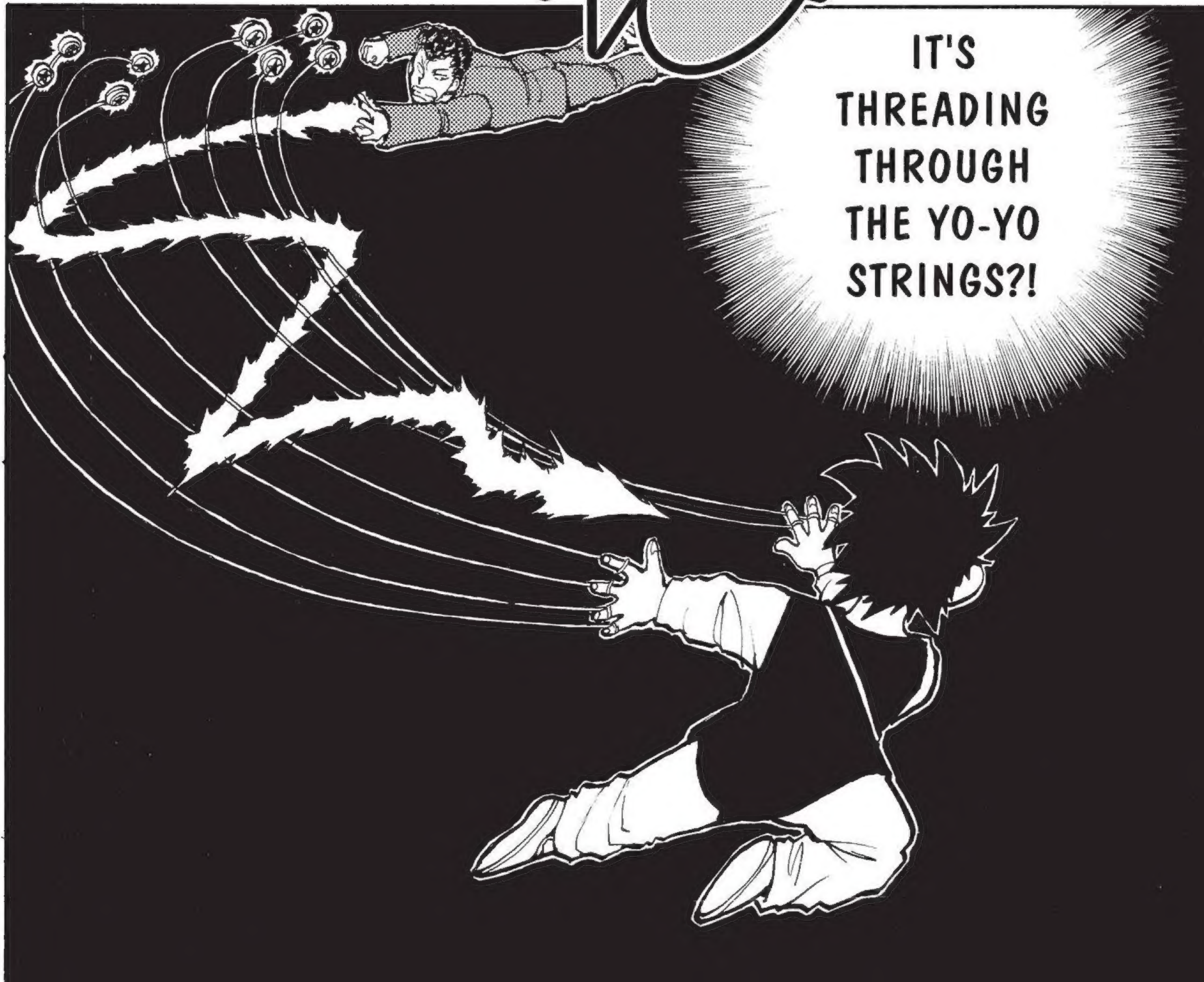
BUT
NOW...

YOU
FORGOT!!

I'VE GOT A
SECOND
SWORD!!

A STRAIGHT
SWORD'S
EASY TO
DODGE —

SO
WHAT?



...IS HOW
KURAMA
COACHED ME
TO CONTROL
MY SWORD —
AT WILL!!



HOMING ON
YOU THROUGH
'EM, YOU MEAN!
JUST AS YOU
CONTROL YOUR
YO-YOS...



RINKU!!
QUICK, JUMP
BACK!!

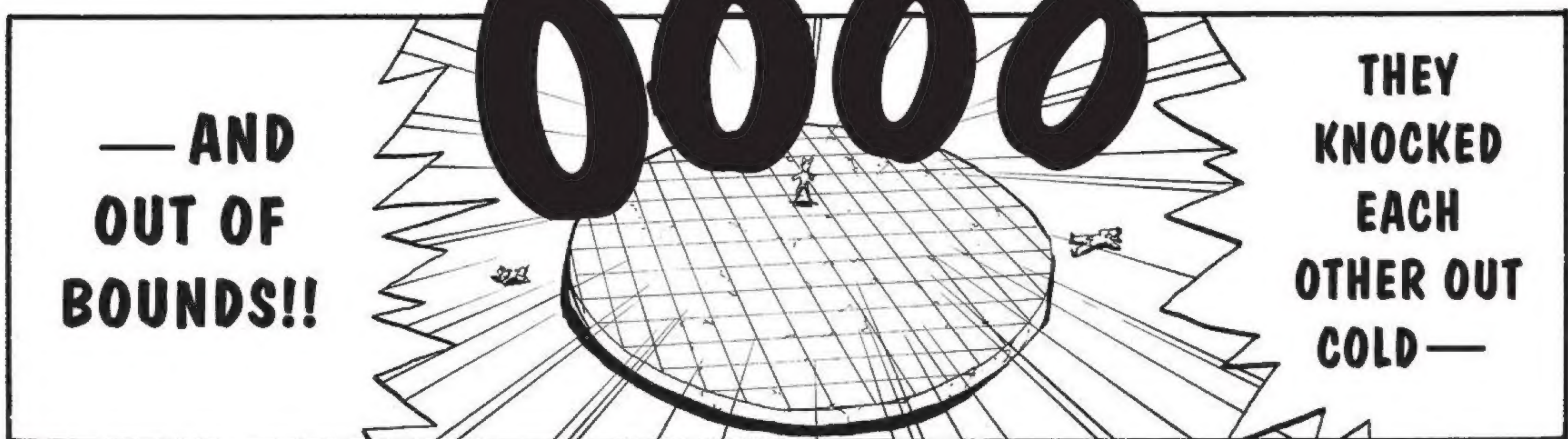
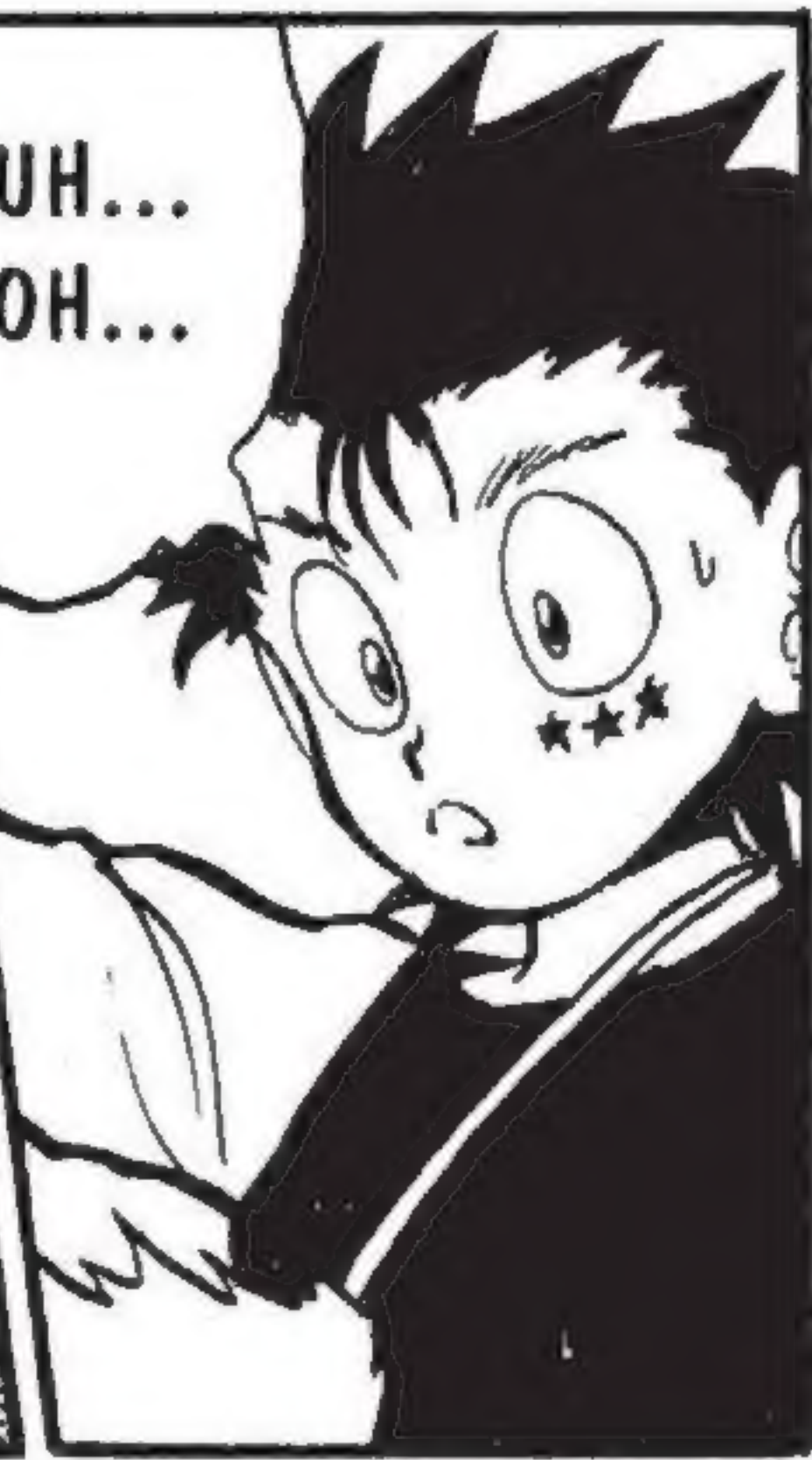
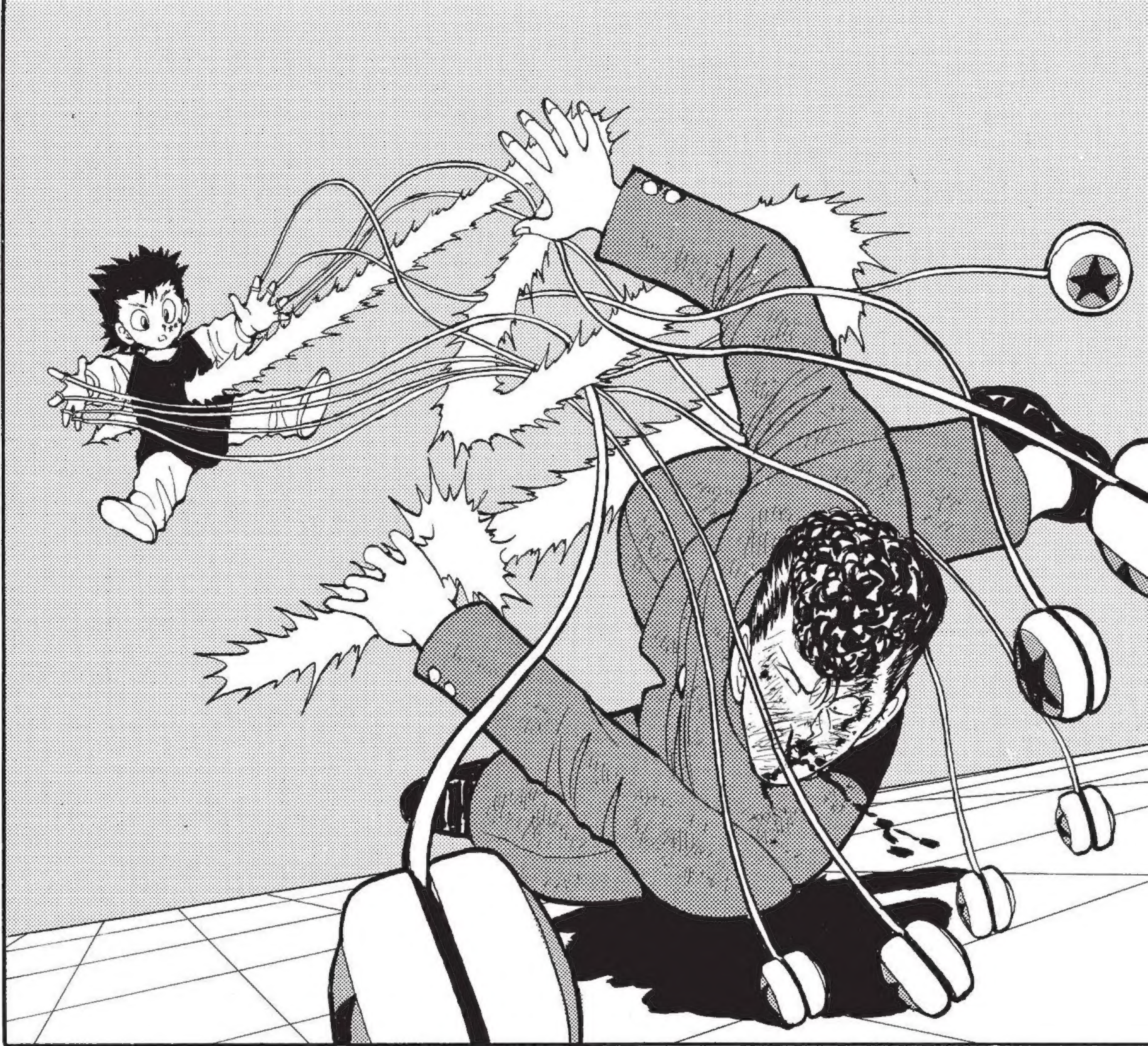


PONDER
THIS IN
HELL,
RUNT!!



WON'T BE
ENOUGH!!





Sigh...

I can't think
of anything...

There goes
that idea.